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**NOTIFICATION OF RELEASE OF REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)  
FOR THE OPERATION OF SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS**

The County of Los Angeles Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) today is issuing a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the operation of up to ten Self Help Legal Access Centers (SHLAC) in Los Angeles County.

The RFP can be downloaded from the County's contracts and bids website at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/lacobids>. Select *View Open Bids* then, *List by Department*. Potential proposers should take care to download and review the entire RFP.

A mandatory proposers' conference will be held to discuss the RFP requirements. The mandatory proposer's conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 28, 2015, at the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Conference Room B-96, Los Angeles, California 90012. **All potential proposers must attend the proposer's conference or their proposals will be disqualified.** Although not mandatory, we ask that proposers planning to attend the conference RSVP by email to Wendy Myring at [wmyring@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:wmyring@dcba.lacounty.gov) by Monday, October 19, 2015.

Proposals are due by 12:00 p.m. Pacific Time, on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

We invite all qualified and interested parties to submit a proposal.

Sincerely,

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**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS**

**FOR**

**OPERATION OF SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS**

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- E County of Los Angeles Policy on Doing Business with Small Business:** County Policy
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- G Listing of Contractors Debarred in Los Angeles County:** Contractors who are not allowed to contract with the County for a specific length of time.
- H IRS Notice 1015:** Provides information on Federal Earned Income Credit.
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- K Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program:** County Code

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

The Los Angeles County Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) is issuing this Request for Proposals (RFP) to solicit proposals for a Contract with an organization that can manage and operate Self Help Legal Access Centers.

## **2.0 PURPOSE-AGREEMENT FOR OPERATION OF SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS**

### **2.1 Statement of Work**

The Contractor will manage and operate up to ten (10) Self Help Legal Access Centers (SHLAC) located at the Pomona, Inglewood, Compton, Van Nuys, Santa Monica, San Fernando, Long Beach, Torrance, Antelope Valley and Chatsworth courthouses. (Note: Chatsworth location is proposed, but currently not open or funded. Funding at an amount as yet unspecified may or may not be allocated).

There are a significant number of unrepresented litigants in Los Angeles County who lack basic, critical information regarding the court system. Many pro per litigants require information on issues ranging from courtroom demeanor to form preparation. Their lack of experience limits their ability to successfully access the court system and lessens the efficient and effective operation of the courts.

Contractor shall be expected to implement the Statement of Work that is contained in Appendix A of this RFP.

### **2.2 Sample Agreement: County Terms and Conditions**

Contractor shall be expected to implement the Sample Contract as contained in Appendix B of this RFP.

#### **2.2.1 Anticipated Contract Term**

The Contract term is anticipated to be for a period of three (3) years with options for two (2) one-year renewals and six (6) month-to-month extensions exercised at the discretion of the Director of the DCBA, for a maximum total contract term of five (5) years and six months. The Contract is anticipated to commence on September 1, 2016 following award by the Board of Supervisors.

### **2.2.2 Contract Rates**

The Contractor's rates shall remain firm and fixed for the term of the Contract.

### **2.2.3 Days of Operation**

The Contractor shall be required to provide Self Help Legal Services at the Self Help Legal Access Centers on all days that the courts are open in Los Angeles County unless previous authorization to close has been granted by the DCBA. The Contractor is not required to provide services on County recognized holidays. The County's Administrative Services Manager will provide a list of the County holidays to the Contractor at the time the Contract is approved, and annually at the beginning of the calendar year.

### **2.2.4 Indemnification and Insurance**

Contractor shall be required to comply with the indemnification provisions contained in Appendix B, Sample Contract, Subparagraph 8.23. The Contractor shall procure, maintain, and provide to the County proof of insurance coverage for all the programs of insurance along with associated amounts specified in the Appendix B, Sample Contract, Subparagraphs 8.24 and 8.25.

### **2.2.5 SPARTA Program**

A County program, known as 'SPARTA' (Service Providers, Artisan and Tradesman Activities), may be able to assist potential Contractors in obtaining affordable liability insurance. The SPARTA Program is administered by the County's insurance broker, Merriwether & Williams. For additional information, Proposers may call Merriwether & Williams toll free at (800) 420-0555 or can access their website directly at [www.2sparta.com](http://www.2sparta.com)

### **3.0 PROPOSER'S MINIMUM MANDATORY QUALIFICATIONS**

Interested and qualified Proposers that can demonstrate their ability to successfully provide the required services outlined in the Statement of Work, Appendix A of this RFP, are invited to submit proposal(s), provided they meet the following requirements:

The selected Contractor:

- 3.1.1 Shall have a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing self-help services to unrepresented litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County, and/or a minimum of ten (10) years of experience providing free legal assistance to low income litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County.

### **4.0 COUNTY'S RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The County is not responsible for representations made by any of its officers or employees prior to the execution of the Contract unless such understanding or representation is included in the Contract.

#### **4.1 Final Contract Award by the Board of Supervisors**

Notwithstanding a recommendation of a Department, agency, individual, or other, the Board of Supervisors (Board) retains the right to exercise its judgment concerning the selection of a proposal and the terms of any resultant agreement, and to determine which proposal best serves the interests of the County. The Board is the ultimate decision making body and makes the final determinations necessary to arrive at a decision to award, or not award, a contract.

#### **4.2 County Option to Reject Proposals**

Proposers are hereby advised that this RFP is an informal solicitation for proposals only, and is not intended, and is not to be construed as, an offer to enter into a contract or as a promise to engage in any formal competitive bidding or negotiations pursuant to any statute, ordinance, rule, or regulation. The County may, at its sole discretion, reject any or all proposals submitted in response to this RFP or may, in its sole discretion, reject all proposals and cancel the RFP in its entirety. The County shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Proposer in connection with the preparation and submission of any proposal. The County reserves the right to waive inconsequential disparities in a submitted proposal.



#### **4.3 County's Right to Amend Request for Proposals**

The County has the right to amend the RFP by written addendum. The County is responsible only for that which is expressly stated in the solicitation document and any authorized written addenda thereto. Such addendum shall be made available to each person or organization which County records indicate has received this RFP. Should such addendum require additional information not previously requested, failure to address the requirements of such addendum may result in the Proposal being found non-responsive and not being considered, as determined in the sole discretion of the County. The County is not responsible for and shall not be bound by any representations otherwise made by any individual acting or purporting to act on its behalf.

#### **4.4 Background and Security Investigations**

Background and security investigations of Contractor's staff may be required at the discretion of the County as a condition of beginning and continuing work under any resulting Contract. The cost of background checks is the responsibility of the Contractor.

#### **4.5 County's Quality Assurance Plan**

After contract award, the County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under the contract on a periodic basis. Such evaluation will include assessing Contractor's compliance with all terms in the Contract and performance standards identified in the Statement of Work. Contractor's deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may jeopardize performance of the Contract will be reported to the County's Board of Supervisors. The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate the Contract in whole or in part, or impose other penalties as specified in the Contract.

### **5.0 PROPOSER'S REQUIREMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS**

#### **5.1 Notice to Proposers Concerning the Public Records Act**

5.1.1 Responses to this solicitation shall become the exclusive property of the County. Absent extraordinary circumstances, the recommended Proposer's proposal will become a matter of public record when 1) contract negotiations are complete; 2) DCBA receives a letter from the recommended Proposer's authorized

officer that the negotiated contract is the firm offer of the recommended Proposer; and 3) DCBA releases a copy of the recommended Proposer's proposal in response to a Notice of Intent to Request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review under Board Policy No. 5.055.

Notwithstanding the above, absent extraordinary circumstances, all proposals will become a matter of public record when the Department's Proposer recommendation appears on the Board agenda.

Exceptions to disclosure are those parts or portions of all proposals that are justifiably defined as business or trade secrets, and plainly marked by the Proposer as "Trade Secret," "Confidential," or "Proprietary."

5.1.2 The County shall not, in any way, be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such record or any parts thereof, if disclosure is required or permitted under the California Public Records Act or otherwise permitted by law. A blanket statement of confidentiality or the marking of each page of the proposal as "confidential" shall not be deemed sufficient notice of exception. The Proposers must specifically label only those provisions of their respective proposal which are "Trade Secrets," "Confidential," or "Proprietary" in nature.

5.1.3 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "confidential," "trade secrets," or "proprietary," Proposer agrees to defend and indemnify County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any action, proceedings, or liability arising in connection with the Public Records Act request.

## **5.2 Contact with County Personnel**

All contact regarding this RFP or any matter relating thereto must be in writing and may be mailed, e-mailed or faxed as follows:

Wendy Myring  
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 West Temple Street, Room B-96  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
wmyring@dcba.lacounty.gov  
Fax: (213) 687-1137

If it is discovered that Proposer contacted and received information from any County personnel, other than the person specified above, regarding this solicitation, County, in its sole determination, may disqualify their proposal from further consideration.

### **5.3 Mandatory Requirement to Register on County's WebVen**

Prior to a contract award, all potential Contractors must register in the County's WebVen. The WebVen contains the Vendor's business profile and identifies the goods/services the business provides. Registration can be accomplished online via the Internet by accessing the County's home page at <http://camisvr.co.la.ca.us/webven/>.

### **5.4 Protest Policy Review Process**

5.4.1 Under Board Policy No. 5.055 (Services Contract Solicitation Protest), any prospective Proposer may request a review of the requirements under a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract, as described in Section 5.4.3 below. Additionally, any actual Proposer may request a review of a disqualification or of a proposed contract award under such a solicitation, as described respectively in the sections below. It is the responsibility of the Proposer challenging the decision of a County Department to demonstrate that the Department committed a sufficiently material error in the solicitation process to justify invalidation of a proposed contract award.

5.4.2 Throughout the review process, the County has no obligation to delay or otherwise postpone an award of contract based on a Proposer protest. In all cases, the County reserves the right to make an award when it is determined to be in the best interest of the County of Los Angeles to do so.

#### **5.4.3 Grounds for Review**

Unless state or federal statutes or regulations otherwise provide, the grounds for review of a solicitation for a Board-approved services contract provided for under Board Policy No. 5.055 are limited to the following:

- Review of Solicitation Requirements (reference paragraph 7.3 in the Proposal Submission Requirements Section)
- Review of a Disqualified Proposal (reference paragraph 8.3 in the Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria Section)

- Review of Proposed Contractor Selection (reference paragraph 8.7 in the Selection Process and Evaluation Criteria Section)

## **5.5 Injury and Illness Prevention Program**

Contractor shall be required to comply with the State of California's Cal-OSHA regulations. Section 3203 of Title 8 in the California Code of Regulations requires all California employers to have a written, effective Injury and Illness Prevention Program (IIPP) that addresses hazards pertaining to the particular workplace covered by the program.

## **5.6 Confidentiality and Independent Contractor Status**

As appropriate, Contractor shall be required to comply with the Confidentiality provision contained in paragraph 7.5 and the Independent Contractor Status provision contained in paragraph 8.22 in Appendix B, Sample Contract.

## **5.7 Conflict of Interest**

No County employee whose position in the County enables him/her to influence the selection of a Contractor for this RFP, or any competing RFP, nor any spouse or economic dependent of such employees, shall be employed in any capacity by a Proposer or have any other direct or indirect financial interest in the selection of a Contractor. Proposer shall certify that he/she is aware of and has read Section 2.180.010 of the Los Angeles County Code as stated in Appendix C - Required Forms Exhibit 5, Certification of No Conflict of Interest.

## **5.8 Determination of Proposer Responsibility**

- 5.8.1 A responsible Proposer is a Proposer who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Proposers.
- 5.8.2 Proposers are hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may determine whether the Proposer is responsible based on a review of the Proposer's performance on any contracts, including but not limited to County contracts. Particular attention will be given to violations of labor laws related to employee compensation and benefits, and evidence of false claims made by the Proposer against public entities. Labor law violations which are the fault of the Sub-Contractors and of which the Proposer had no knowledge shall not be the basis of a determination that the Proposer is not responsible.

- 5.8.3 The County may declare a Proposer to be non-responsible for purposes of this contract if the Board of Supervisors, in its discretion, finds that the Proposer has done any of the following: 1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; 2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Proposer's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; 3) committed an act or omission which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.
- 5.8.4 If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Proposer may not be responsible, the Department shall notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence relating to the Proposer's responsibility, and its intention to recommend to the Board of Supervisors that the Proposer be found not responsible. The Department shall provide the Proposer and/or the Proposer's representative with an opportunity to present evidence as to why the Proposer should be found to be responsible and to rebut evidence which is the basis for the Department's recommendation.
- 5.8.5 If the Proposer presents evidence in rebuttal to the Department, the Department shall evaluate the merits of such evidence, and based on that evaluation, make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The final decision concerning the responsibility of the Proposer shall reside with the Board of Supervisors.
- 5.8.6 These terms shall also apply to proposed Sub-Contractors of Proposers on County contracts.

## **5.9 Proposer Debarment**

- 5.9.1 The Proposer is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, the County may debar the Proposer from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on other County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and the County may terminate any or all of the Proposer's existing contracts with County, if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Proposer has done any of the following: 1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County; 2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects

on the Proposer's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same; 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty; or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

- 5.9.2 If there is evidence that the apparent highest ranked Proposer may be subject to debarment, the Department shall notify the Proposer in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment, and shall advise the Proposer of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 5.9.3 The Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Proposer and/or Proposer's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Proposer should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Proposer and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
- 5.9.4 After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are received, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
- 5.9.5 If a Proposer has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Proposer may, after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Proposer has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: 1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; 2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; 3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or 4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.
- 5.9.6 The Contractor Hearing Board will consider requests for review of a debarment determination only where: 1) the Proposer has been

debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; 2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and 3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.

5.9.7 The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

5.9.8 These terms shall also apply to proposed Sub-Contractors of Proposers on County contracts.

5.9.9 Appendix G provides a link to the County's website where there is a listing of Contractors that are currently on the Debarment List for Los Angeles County.

#### **5.10 Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program**

Proposers shall: 1) fully comply with all applicable State and Federal reporting requirements relating to employment reporting for its employees; and 2) comply with all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Assignment Orders and Notice of Assignment and continue to maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation. Failure to comply may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliant Contractor (Los Angeles County Code ("County Code"), Chapter 2.202).

## **5.11 Gratuities**

### **5.11.1 Attempt to Secure Favorable Treatment**

It is improper for any County officer, employee or agent to solicit consideration, in any form, from a Proposer with the implication, suggestion or statement that the Proposer's provision of the consideration may secure more favorable treatment for the Proposer in the award of the Contract or that the Proposer's failure to provide such consideration may negatively affect the County's consideration of the Proposer's submission. A Proposer shall not offer or give, either directly or through an intermediary, consideration, in any form, to a County officer, employee or agent for the purpose of securing favorable treatment with respect to the award of the Contract.

### **5.11.2 Proposer Notification to County**

A Proposer shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer, employee or agent to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861. Failure to report such a solicitation may result in the Proposer's submission being eliminated from consideration.

### **5.11.3 Form of Improper Consideration**

Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

## **5.12 Notice to Proposers Regarding the County Lobbyist Ordinance**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles has enacted an ordinance regulating the activities of persons who lobby County officials. This ordinance, referred to as the "Lobbyist Ordinance," defines a County Lobbyist and imposes certain registration requirements upon individuals meeting the definition. The complete text of the ordinance can be found in County Code Chapter 2.160. In effect, each person, corporation or other entity that seeks a County permit, license, franchise or contract must certify compliance with the ordinance. As part of this solicitation process, it will be the responsibility of each Proposer to review the ordinance independently as the text of said ordinance is not contained within this RFP. Thereafter, each person, corporation or other entity submitting a



response to this solicitation, must certify that each County Lobbyist, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the Proposer is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code and each such County Lobbyist is not on the Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists by completing and submitting the Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification, as set forth in Appendix C - Required Forms Exhibit 6, as part of their proposal.

#### **5.13 Federal Earned Income Credit**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015. Reference Appendix H.

#### **5.14 Consideration of GAIN-GROW Participants for Employment**

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Proposers shall demonstrate a proven record of hiring participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Programs or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN-GROW participants for any future employment openings if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Proposers shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN-GROW participants access to the Proposers' employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

Proposers who are unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award. Proposers shall submit a completed, "Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN-GROW Participants", form, as set forth in Appendix C - Required Forms, Exhibit 9, along with their proposal.

#### **5.15 Recycled Bond Paper**

Proposer shall be required to comply with the County's policy on recycled bond paper as specified in Appendix B, Sample Contract, paragraph 8.39.

#### **5.16 Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in

Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Appendix I of this solicitation document and is also available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org) for printing purposes.

## **5.17 Jury Service Program**

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Ordinance ("Jury Service Program") (County Code, Chapter 2.203). Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Jury Service Ordinance, Appendix F, and the pertinent jury service provisions of the Sample Contract, Appendix B, paragraph 8.8, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this RFP. The Jury Service Program applies to both Contractors and their Sub-Contractors.

Proposals that fail to comply with the requirements of the Jury Service Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

5.17.1 The Jury Service Program requires Contractors and their Sub-Contractors to have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five (5) days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service. For purposes of the Jury Service Program, "employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a Contractor and "full-time" means forty (40) hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) the Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time. Therefore, the Jury Service Program applies to all of a Contractor's full-time California employees, even those not working specifically on the County project. Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of ninety (90) days or less within a twelve (12) month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program.

5.17.2 There are two ways in which a Contractor might not be subject to the Jury Service Program. The first is if the Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor". The Jury Service Program defines "Contractor" to mean a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has

received or will receive an aggregate sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any twelve (12) month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. The second is if the Contractor meets one of the two exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The first exception concerns small businesses and applies to Contractors that have: 1) ten or fewer employees; and, 2) annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this Contract is less than five thousand hundred dollars (\$500,000); and 3) is not an "affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation." The second exception applies to Contractors that possess a collective bargaining agreement that expressly supersedes the provisions of the Jury Service Program. The Contractor is subject to any provision of the Jury Service Program not expressly superseded by the collective bargaining agreement.

- 5.17.3 If a Contractor does not fall within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if it meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program, then the Contractor must so indicate in the Certification Form and Application for Exception, Exhibit 10 in Appendix C - Required Forms, and include with its submission all necessary documentation to support the claim such as tax returns or a collective bargaining agreement, if applicable. Upon reviewing the Contractor's application, the County will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the Contractor falls within the definition of Contractor or meets any of the exceptions to the Jury Service Program. The County's decision will be final.

**5.18 (Intentionally Omitted)**

**5.19 Notification to County of Pending Acquisitions-Mergers by Proposing Company**

The Proposer shall notify the County of any pending acquisitions-mergers of their company. This information shall be provided by the Proposer on Required Form - Exhibit 1 in Appendix C - Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit. Failure of the Proposer to provide this information may eliminate its proposal from any further consideration. Proposer shall have a continuing obligation to notify County of changes to the information contained in Exhibit 1 (Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit) during the pendency of this RFP by providing a revised Exhibit 1 (Proposer's Organization Questionnaire Exhibit 1) to the County upon the occurrence of any event giving rise to a change in its previously reported information.

## **5.20 Proposer's Charitable Contributions Compliance**

- 5.20.1 California's "Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act" regulates receiving and raising charitable contributions. Among other requirements, those subject to the Charitable Purposes Act must register. The 2004 Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Background and Resources: California Charities Regulations, Appendix J. New rules cover California public benefit corporations, unincorporated associations, and trustee entities and may include similar foreign corporations doing business or holding property in California. Key Nonprofit Integrity Act requirements affect executive compensation, fund-raising practices and documentation. Charities with over two million (\$2,000,000) of revenues (excluding funds that must be accounted for to a governmental entity) have new audit requirements.
- 5.20.2 All prospective contractors must determine if they receive or raise charitable contributions which subject them to the Charitable Purposes Act and complete the Charitable Contributions Certification, Exhibit 13 as set forth in Appendix C - Required Forms. A completed Exhibit 13 is a required part of any agreement with the County.
- 5.20.3 In Exhibit 13, prospective contractors certify either that:
- they have determined that they do not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under the California Charitable Purposes Act, (including the Nonprofit Integrity Act) but will comply if they become subject to coverage of those laws during the term of a County agreement,
  - OR -
  - they are currently complying with their obligations under the Charitable Purposes Act, attaching a copy of their most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts.
- 5.20.4 Prospective County contractors that do not complete Exhibit 13 as part of the solicitation process may, in the County's sole discretion, be disqualified from contract award. A County contractor that fails to comply with its obligations under the Charitable Purposes Act is subject to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both (County Code, Chapter 2.202).

### **5.21 Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

The prospective contract is subject to the requirements of the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program ("Defaulted Tax Program") (County Code, Chapter 2.206). Prospective Contractors should carefully read the Defaulted Tax Program Ordinance, Appendix K, and the pertinent provisions of the Sample Contract, Appendix B, paragraph 8.51 and 8.52, both of which are incorporated by reference into and made a part of this solicitation. The Defaulted Tax Program applies to both Contractors and their Sub-Contractors.

Proposers shall be required to certify that they are in full compliance with the provisions of the Defaulted Tax Program and shall maintain compliance during the term of any contract that may be awarded pursuant to this solicitation or shall certify that they are exempt from the Defaulted Tax Program by completing Certification of Compliance with The County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Exhibit 15 in Appendix C – Required Forms. Failure to maintain compliance, or to timely cure defects, may be cause for termination of a contract or initiation of debarment proceedings against the non-compliance contractor (County Code, Chapter 2.202).

Proposals that fail to comply with the certification requirements of the Defaulted Tax Program will be considered non-responsive and excluded from further consideration.

### **5.22 Time Off for Voting**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than ten (10) days before every statewide election, every Contractor and Sub-Contractor shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

## **6.0 (INTENTIONALLY OMITTED)**

## **7.0 PROPOSAL SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

This Section contains key project dates and activities as well as instructions to Proposers in how to prepare and submit their proposal.

### **7.1 Truth and Accuracy of Representations**

False, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with a proposal shall be sufficient cause for rejection of the proposal. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final. All proposals shall be firm and final offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of one hundred twenty (120) days following the final proposal submission date.

### **7.2 RFP Timetable**

The timetable for this RFP is as follows:

- Release of RFP ..... 10/06/2015
- Request for a Solicitation Requirements Review Due..... 10/20/2015
- Mandatory Proposers Conference ..... 10/28/2015
- **Proposals due by** .....12:00 P.M. Pacific time 01/06/2016

### **7.3. Solicitation Requirements Review**

Any person or entity may seek a Solicitation Requirements Review by submitting Appendix D - Transmittal Form to Request a Solicitation Requirements Review to the Department conducting the solicitation as described in this Section. A request for a Solicitation Requirements Review may be denied, in the Department's sole discretion, if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review is made within ten (10) business days of the issuance of the solicitation document;
2. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review includes documentation which demonstrates the underlying ability of the person or entity to submit a proposal;

3. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review itemizes in appropriate detail, each matter contested and factual reasons for the requested review; and
4. The request for a Solicitation Requirements Review asserts either that:
  - A. application of the minimum requirements, evaluation criteria and/or business requirements unfairly disadvantages the person or entity; or,
  - B. due to unclear instructions, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses from prospective Proposers.

The Solicitation Requirements Review shall be completed and the Department's determination shall be provided to the requesting person or entity, in writing, within a reasonable time prior to the proposal due date.

**7.4 (Intentionally Omitted)**

**7.5 (Intentionally Omitted)**

**7.6 Mandatory Proposers Conference**

A mandatory Proposers Conference will be held to discuss the RFP requirements. County staff will respond to questions from potential Proposers. **ALL POTENTIAL PROPOSERS MUST ATTEND THIS CONFERENCE OR THEIR PROPOSALS WILL BE REJECTED AS NON-RESPONSIVE (DISQUALIFIED) WITHOUT REVIEW AND ELIMINATED FROM FURTHER CONSIDERATION.** The conference is scheduled as follows:

Date: Wednesday, October 28, 2015

Time: 10:00 A.M.

Location: Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 West Temple Street  
Room B-96  
Los Angeles, California 90012

**Proposers planning to attend the conference, please RSVP to Wendy Myring at [wmyring@dcba.lacounty.gov](mailto:wmyring@dcba.lacounty.gov) by October 19, 2015.**

## **7.7. Preparation of the Proposal**

A Business Proposal must be bound and submitted in the prescribed format. Any Proposal that deviates from this format may be rejected as non-responsive without review at the County's sole discretion.

## **7.8 Business Proposal Format**

### **7.8.1 The content and sequence of the proposal must be as follows:**

- Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit and Required Support Documents for Corporations and Limited Liability Companies
- Table of Contents
- Executive Summary (Section A)
- Proposer's Qualifications (Section B)
- Proposer's Approach to Provide Required Services (Section C)
- Proposer's Quality Control Plan (Section D)
- Budget Summary (Section E)
- Terms and Conditions in the Sample Contract, and Requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW): Acceptance of/or Exceptions to (Section F)
- Business Proposal Required Forms (Section G)

### **7.8.2 Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit and Required Support Documentation**

The Proposer shall complete, sign and date the Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit - Exhibit 1 as set forth in Appendix C. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the applicant in a Contract.

Taking into account the structure of the Proposer's organization, Proposer shall determine which of the below referenced supporting documents the County requires. If the Proposer's organization does not fit into one of these categories, upon receipt



of the Proposal or at some later time, the County may, in its discretion, request additional documentation regarding the Proposer's business organization and authority of individuals to sign Contracts.

If the below referenced documents are not available at the time of Proposal submission, Proposers must request the appropriate documents from the California Secretary of State and provide a statement on the status of the request.

#### **7.8.3 Required Support Documents:**

##### **Corporations or Limited Liability Company (LLC):**

The Proposer must submit the following documentation with the Proposal:

- 1) A copy of a "Certificate of Good Standing" with the state of incorporation-organization.
- 2) A conformed copy of the most recent "Statement of Information" as filed with the California Secretary of State listing corporate officers or members and managers.

#### **7.8.4 Limited Partnership:**

The Proposer must submit a conformed copy of the Certificate of Limited Partnership or Application for Registration of Foreign Limited Partnership as filed with the California Secretary of State, and any amendments.

#### **7.8.5 Table of Contents**

List all material included in the Proposal. Include a clear definition of the material, identified by sequential page numbers and by section reference numbers.

#### **7.8.6 Executive Summary (Section A)**

Condense and highlight the contents of the Proposer's Business Proposal to provide DCBA with a broad understanding of the Proposer's approach, qualifications, experience, and staffing.

### **7.8.7 Proposer's Qualifications (Section B)**

Demonstrate that the Proposer's organization has the experience and financial capability to perform the required services. The following sections must be included:

#### **A. Proposer's Background and Experience (Section B.1)**

Provide a summary of relevant background information to demonstrate that the Proposer meets the minimum requirement(s) stated in paragraph 3.0 of this RFP and has the capability to perform the required services as a corporation or other entity.

#### **B. Proposer's References (Section B.2)**

It is the Proposer's sole responsibility to ensure that the firm's name, and point of contact's name, title and phone number for each reference is accurate. The same references may be listed on both forms - Exhibits 2 and 3.

County may disqualify a Proposer as non-responsive and/or non-responsible if:

- references fail to substantiate Proposer's description of the services provided; or
- references fail to support that Proposer has a continuing pattern of providing capable, productive and skilled personnel, or
- the Department is unable to reach the point of contact with reasonable effort. It is the Proposer's responsibility to inform the point of contact of normal working hours.

The Proposer must complete and include the following Required Forms:

- i. **Prospective Contractor References, Exhibit 2**  
Proposer must provide at least one (1) reference where the same or similar scope of services was provided to demonstrate that they have a minimum of five (5) years of experience providing self-help services to unrepresented litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County, and/or a minimum of ten (10) years of experience providing

free legal assistance to low income litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County.

- ii. Prospective Contractor List of Contracts, Exhibit 3  
The listing must include all Public Entities contracts for the last three (3) years. Use additional sheets if necessary.
- iii. Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts, Exhibit 4.

Listing must include contracts terminated within the past three (3) years with a reason for termination.

- C. Proposer's Pending Litigation and Judgments (Section B.3)  
Identify by name, case and court jurisdiction any pending litigation in which Proposer is involved, or judgments against Proposer in the past five (5) years. Provide a statement describing the size and scope of any pending or threatening litigation against the Proposer or principals of the Proposer.

#### **7.8.8 Proposer's Approach to Provide Required Services (Section C)**

Present a description of the methodology the Proposer will use to meet Contract work requirements. Describe in detail how the services will be performed to meet the intent of the Statement of Work (SOW).

Specifically describe:

- The operational model including how work will be performed, and the staffing, computer, and equipment resources that will be employed to perform the work.
- How technology will be used to maximize the availability of service to litigants and make service convenient to litigants, without the need for every litigant to visit a center to receive service, and without long lines at centers or turning away litigants unserved.
- What web-based information and services will be available to litigants to help them understand the legal process and begin or advance their case, such as online legal information, forms, web or videoconferencing workshops,

video or online tutorials, online chat, email, or other on or offline services including telephone service.

- How online legal form completion programs such as, i-can Legal, Law Help Interactive, or similar programs that use a question and answer format to obtain and store information, will be used to allow litigants to begin completion of legal forms before they visit a SHLAC, continue completion at a SHLAC, and if needed, continue completion after they leave a SHLAC.
- Whether the Centers will use workshops, classes or “round robin” assistance to small groups.
- How litigants will be provided with machine printed legal forms and the estimated percentage of litigants served that will have machine printed forms to file with the court.
- How photocopying, postage stamps and envelopes will be made available at each SHLAC location. Indicate if the services will be provided by the Proposer or a private vendor.
- How completed documents will be reviewed, by what level of staff, and how checklists or other methods will be used to assure forms are completed to court requirements.
- How litigants referred from the courtroom who need immediate assistance will be accommodated at the Centers.
- How the Centers will collaborate with other self-help services, such as the Family Law Facilitator, DASH, etc.
- How surveys will be distributed to ensure that a high percentage of SHLAC patrons complete a customer satisfaction survey form.
- What mechanism(s) might be implemented in cooperation with the courts to track litigants who receive services at a SHLACs for end result surveys.
- How the contract will be managed.

#### **7.8.9 Proposer's Quality Control Plan (Section D)**

Present a comprehensive Quality Control Plan to be utilized by the Proposer as a self-monitoring tool to ensure the required services are provided as specified in Appendix A, Statement of Work.

The following factors may be included in the plan:

- Activities to be monitored to ensure compliance with all Contract requirements;
- Monitoring methods to be used;
- Frequency of monitoring;
- Samples of forms to be used in monitoring;
- Title/level and qualifications of personnel performing monitoring functions; and
- Documentation methods of all monitoring results, including any corrective action taken.

#### **7.8.10 Budget Summary (Section E)**

Submit a summary budget, Exhibit 11, that specifies the amounts that will be spent for personnel and labor costs, administrative overhead, materials, supplies, subscriptions, computers, network, website development and maintenance, telephone, and subcontractor costs not to exceed the amounts specified in Appendix B - Sample Contract - Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule.

- Certification of Independent Price Determination and Acknowledgement of RFP Restrictions - Exhibit 12

#### **7.8.11 Terms and Conditions in Sample Contract, and Requirements of the Statement of Work (SOW): Acceptance of/ or Exceptions to (Section F)**

- A. It is the duty of every Proposer to thoroughly review the Sample Contract and Statement of Work to ensure compliance with all terms, conditions and requirements. It is the County's expectation that in submitting a proposal the

Proposers will accept, as stated, the County's terms and conditions in the Sample Contract and the County's requirements in the SOW. However, the Proposers are provided the opportunity to take exceptions to the County's terms, conditions, and requirements.

B. Section F of Proposer's response must include:

1. A statement offering the Proposer's acceptance of or exceptions to all terms and conditions listed in Appendix B, Sample Contract.
2. A statement offering the Proposer's acceptance of or exceptions to all requirements listed in Appendix A, Statement of Work; and

For each exception, the Proposer shall provide:

1. An explanation of the reason(s) for the exception;
  2. The proposed alternative language; and
  3. A description of the impact, if any, to the Proposer's price.
- C. Indicate all exceptions to the Sample Contract and/or the Statement of Work by providing a 'red-lined' version of the language in question. The County relies on this procedure and any Proposer who fails to make timely exceptions as required herein, may be barred, at the County's sole discretion, from later making such exceptions.

The County reserves the right to determine if Proposers' exceptions are material enough to deem the proposal non-responsive and not subject to further evaluation.

The County reserves the right to make changes to the Sample Contract and its appendices and exhibits at its sole discretion.

#### **7.8.12 Business Proposal Required Forms (Section G)**

Proposal shall include all completed, signed, and dated forms identified in Appendix C - Required Forms.

- Exhibit 1 Proposer's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit
- Exhibit 2 Prospective Contractor References
- Exhibit 3 Prospective Contractor List of Contracts
- Exhibit 4 Prospective Contractor List of Terminated Contracts
- Exhibit 5 Certification of No Conflict of Interest
- Exhibit 6 Familiarity with the County Lobbyist Ordinance Certification
- Exhibit 7 Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information
- Exhibit 8 Proposer's EEO Certification
- Exhibit 9 Attestation of Willingness to Consider GAIN-GROW Participants
- Exhibit 10 Contractor Employee Jury Service Program Certification Form and Application for Exception
- Exhibit 11 Pricing Sheet
- Exhibit 12 Certification of Independent Price Determination
- Exhibit 13 Charitable Contribution Certification
- Exhibit 14 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Application
- Exhibit 15 Default Property Tax Reduction Program
- Exhibit 16 Request for Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program Consideration

#### **7.9 (Intentionally Omitted)**

#### **7.10 Firm Offer-Withdrawal of Proposal**

Until the proposal submission deadline, errors in proposals may be corrected by a request in writing to withdraw the proposal and by submission of another set of proposals with the mistakes corrected. Corrections will not be accepted once the deadline for submission of proposals has passed.

#### **7.11 Proposal Submission**

The original Business Proposal and six (6) paper copies, and one (1) electronic copy on a CD or flash drive, shall be enclosed in a sealed envelope or box, plainly marked in the upper left-hand corner with the name and address of the Proposer and bear the words:

***BUSINESS PROPOSAL FOR SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS***

The Proposal shall be delivered or mailed to:

Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 West Temple Street, Room B-96  
Los Angeles, California 90012  
Attention: Wendy Myring

It is the sole responsibility of the submitting Proposer to ensure that its Proposal is received before the submission deadline. Submitting Proposers shall bear all risks associated with delays in delivery by any person or entity, including the U.S. Mail. Any Proposals received after the scheduled closing date and time for receipt of Proposals, as listed in paragraph 7.2, RFP Timetable, will not be accepted and will be returned to the sender unopened. Timely hand-delivered Proposals are acceptable. No facsimile (fax) or electronic mail (e-mail) copies will be accepted.

All proposals shall be firm offers and may not be withdrawn for a period of 120 days following the last day to submit proposals.

## **8.0 SELECTION PROCESS AND EVALUATION CRITERIA**

### **8.1 Selection Process**

The County reserves the sole right to judge the contents of the proposals submitted pursuant to this RFP and to review, evaluate and select the successful proposal(s). The selection process will begin with receipt of the proposal on January 6, 2016.

Evaluation of the proposals will be made by an Evaluation Committee selected by the Department. The Committee will evaluate the proposals and will use the evaluation approach described herein to select a prospective Contractor. All proposals will be evaluated based on the criteria listed below. All proposals will be scored and ranked in numerical sequence from high to low. The County may also, at its option, invite Proposers being evaluated to make a verbal presentation or conduct site visits, if appropriate. The Evaluation Committee may utilize the services of appropriate experts to assist in this evaluation.



After a prospective Contractor has been selected, the County and the prospective Contractor(s) will negotiate a Contract for submission to the Board of Supervisors for its consideration and possible approval. If a satisfactory Contract cannot be negotiated, the County may, at its sole discretion, begin contract negotiations with the next qualified Proposer who submitted a proposal, as determined by the County.

The recommendation to award a Contract will not bind the Board of Supervisors to award a Contract to the prospective Contractor.

The County retains the right to select a Proposal other than the Proposal receiving the highest number of points if County determines, in its sole discretion, another Proposal is the most overall qualified, cost-effective, responsive, responsible and in the best interests of the County.

## **8.2 Adherence to Minimum Requirements (Pass-Fail)**

County shall review the Proposer's Organization Questionnaire-Affidavit - Exhibit 1 of Appendix C, Required Forms, and determine if the Proposer meets the minimum requirements as outlined in paragraph 3.0 of this RFP.

Failure of the Proposer to comply with the minimum requirements may eliminate its proposal from any further consideration. The County may elect to waive any informality in a proposal if the sum and substance of the proposal is present.

## **8.3 Disqualification Review**

A proposal may be disqualified from consideration because the Department determined it was non-responsive at any time during the review/evaluation process. If the Department determines that a proposal is disqualified due to non-responsiveness, the Department shall notify the Proposer in writing.

Upon receipt of the written determination of non-responsiveness, the Proposer may submit a written request for a Disqualification Review within the timeframe specified in the written determination.

A request for a Disqualification Review may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Disqualification Review is a Proposer;
2. The request for a Disqualification Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified in the written determination); and
3. The request for a Disqualification Review asserts that the Department's determination of disqualification due to non-responsiveness was erroneous (e.g. factual errors, etc.) and provides factual support on each ground asserted as well as copies of all documents and other material that support the assertions.

The Disqualification Review shall be completed and the determination shall be provided to the requesting Proposer, in writing, prior to the conclusion of the evaluation process.

Proposer can also be disqualified for non-responsibility – See Section 5.8.

#### **8.4 Business Proposal Evaluation and Criteria (100%)**

Any reviews conducted during the evaluation of the proposal may result in a point reduction.

##### **8.4.1 Proposer's Qualifications (20%)**

Proposer will be evaluated on their experience and capacity as a corporation or other entity to perform the required services based on information provided in Section B.1 of the proposal.

Proposer will be evaluated on the verification of references provided in Section B.2 of the proposal. In addition to the references provided, a review will include the County's Contract Database and Contractor Alert Reporting Database, if applicable, reflecting past performance history on County or other contracts. This review may result in point deductions up to one hundred percent (100%) of the total points awarded in this evaluation category. Additionally, a review of terminated contracts will be conducted which may result in point deductions.

A review will be conducted to determine the significance of any litigation or judgments pending against the Proposer as provided in Section B.3 of the proposal.

#### **8.4.2 Proposer's Approach to Providing Required Services (65%)**

The Proposer will be evaluated on its description of the methodology to be used to meet the County's requirements based on information provided in Section C of the proposal.

#### **8.4.3 Quality Control Plan (10%)**

The Proposer will be evaluated on its ability to establish and maintain a complete Quality Control Plan to ensure the requirements of this Contract are provided as specified. Evaluation of the Quality Control Plan shall cover the proposed monitoring system of all services listed on the Performance Requirements Summary (PRS) based on the information provided in Section C of the proposal.

#### **8.4.4 Exceptions to Terms and Conditions of Sample Contract and/or Requirements of the Statement of Work**

Proposer will be evaluated on their willingness to accept the Terms and Conditions outlined in the Sample Contract, Appendix B, and the Requirements of the Statement of Work outlined in the Statement of Work, Appendix A as stated in Section F of the proposal. The County may deduct rating points or disqualify the proposal in its entirety if the exceptions are material enough to deem the proposal non-responsive.

Proposers are further notified that the County may, in its sole determination, disqualify any Proposer with whom the County cannot satisfactorily negotiate a Contract.

#### **8.4.5 Preference for Small Business, Disabled Veteran, or Transitional Job Opportunity Employer (5%)**

A proposer who qualifies as a Certified Local Small Business Enterprise consistent with section 2.204.030(C) of Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code; a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise consistent with section 2.211.030(C) of Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code; or a Transitional Job Opportunity employer consistent with section 2.205.030 of Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code will be awarded five (5) percentage points for their proposal.

A proposer who is not a Certified Local Small Business Enterprise, a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, or a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor as defined above, but Sub-Contracts with a Certified Local Small Business Enterprise, a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, or a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor, will be awarded one (1) point for each one (1) percent of the total sub-contracted sum as specified in Appendix C – Sample Contract – Exhibit B that is sub-contracted to a Certified Local Small Business Enterprise, a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise, or a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor, up to a maximum of five (5) percentage points.

**8.5 (Intentionally Omitted)**

**8.6 (Intentionally Omitted)**

**8.7 Department's Proposed Contractor Selection Review**

**8.7.1 Departmental Debriefing Process**

Upon completion of the evaluation, the Department shall notify the remaining Proposers in writing that the Department is entering negotiations with another Proposer. Upon receipt of the letter, any non-selected Proposer may submit a written request for a Debriefing within the timeframe specified in the letter. A request for a Debriefing may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request is not received within the specified timeframe.

The purpose of the Debriefing is to compare the requesting Proposer's response to the solicitation document with the evaluation document. The requesting Proposer shall be debriefed only on its response. Because contract negotiations are not yet complete, responses from other Proposers shall not be discussed, although the Department may inform the requesting Proposer of its relative ranking.

During or following the Debriefing, the Department will instruct the requesting Proposer of the manner and timeframe in which the requesting Proposer must notify the Department of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review (see Section 8.7.2 below), if the requesting Proposer is not satisfied with the results of the Debriefing.

### **8.7.2 Proposed Contractor Selection Review**

Any Proposer that has timely submitted a notice of its intent to request a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as described in this Section may submit a written request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, in the manner and timeframe as shall be specified by the Department.

A request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review may, in the Department's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is a Proposer;
2. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by the Department);
3. The person or entity requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review asserts in appropriate detail with factual reasons one or more of the following grounds for review:
  - a. The Department materially failed to follow procedures specified in its solicitation document. This includes:
    - i. Failure to correctly apply the standards for reviewing the proposal format requirements.
    - i. Failure to correctly apply the standards, and/or follow the prescribed methods for evaluating the proposals as specified in the solicitation document.
    - iii. Use of evaluation criteria that were different from the evaluation criteria disclosed in the solicitation document.
  - b. The Department made identifiable mathematical or other errors in evaluating proposals, resulting in the Proposer receiving an incorrect score and not being selected as the recommended contractor.
  - c. A member of the Evaluation Committee demonstrated bias in the conduct of the evaluation.

- d. Another basis for review as provided by state or federal law.

And;

4. The request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review sets forth sufficient detail to demonstrate that, but for the Department's alleged failure, the Proposer would have been the highest-scored proposal.

Upon completing the Proposed Contractor Selection Review, the Department representative shall issue a written decision to the Proposer within a reasonable time following receipt of the request for a Proposed Contractor Selection Review, and always before the date the contract award recommendation is to be heard by the Board. The written decision shall additionally instruct the Proposer of the manner and timeframe for requesting a County Independent Review (see Section 8.8 below).

#### **8.8 County Independent Review Process**

Any Proposer that is not satisfied with the results of the Proposed Contractor Selection Review may submit a written request for a County Independent Review in the manner and timeframe specified by the Department in the Department's written decision regarding the Proposed Contractor Selection Review.

A request for County Independent Review may, in the County's sole discretion, be denied if the request does not satisfy all of the following criteria:

1. The person or entity requesting a County Independent Review is a Proposer;
2. The request for a County Independent Review is submitted timely (i.e., by the date and time specified by the Department); and
3. The person or entity requesting review by a County Independent Review has limited the request to items raised in the Proposed Contractor Selection Review and new items that: (a) arise from the Department's written decision; and (b) are one of the appropriate grounds for requesting a Proposed Contractor Selection Review as listed in Section 8.7.2 above.

Upon completion of the County Independent Review, ISD will forward the report to the Department, which will provide a copy to the Proposer.

# **APPENDIX A**

## **STATEMENT OF WORK**

## STATEMENT OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall operate ten Self-Help Legal Access Centers (SHLAC) to assist unrepresented litigants at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following services, as directed by the COUNTY's Project Director.

1. SHLAC Purpose and Locations: The purpose of the SHLAC is to help unrepresented litigants understand the legal options available to them and the laws, regulations and court procedures relevant to their case. The SHLAC helps unrepresented litigants complete court forms and prepares them to represent themselves in court. The SHLAC shall not offer services already provided by the County of Los Angeles or County funded contractors. The CONTRACTOR is to operate a SHLAC at each of the following locations of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles:
  - The Northwest District, Van Nuys Courthouse
  - The Southwest District, Inglewood Courthouse
  - The East District, Pomona Courthouse South
  - The North District, Antelope Valley Courthouse
  - The South District, Long Beach Courthouse
  - The North Valley District, San Fernando Courthouse
  - The West District, Santa Monica Courthouse
  - The Southwest District, Torrance Courthouse
  - The South Central District, Compton Courthouse
  - The North District, Chatsworth Courthouse
2. Eligibility \ Fees for Service: All residents of Los Angeles County with business at the Los Angeles County Superior Court are eligible for service without charge regardless of their income.
3. Hours of Operation: The SHLAC offices shall be open for service during regular court days and hours, except for one designated afternoon each month. During that designated afternoon, the SHLAC may be closed in order to hold staff meetings, meet with court personnel, and to attend to other matters necessary for the successful operation of the SHLAC. Each SHLAC may operate beyond regular court days and hours if permitted by the location at which it operates.
4. Staffing: Each SHLAC will be supervised by at least one attorney, licensed to practice law in California and in good standing, who will be present during operating hours. SHLAC staff and volunteers will assess the needs of each patron and provide brief, specific and time-limited assistance including, but not limited to, assistance in completing court forms, conducting legal research, understanding service of process, calculating deadlines, and understanding legal options. SHLAC staff and volunteers will provide assistance in English and Spanish and in any other language the CONTRACTOR deems necessary to fulfill the mission of the SHLAC.
5. Representation and Legal Advice: SHLAC employees and volunteers shall not dispense legal advice or provide direct legal representation to SHLAC patrons. Patrons in need of



legal representation shall be referred to qualified non-profit organizations as outlined in section #6.

6. Referrals: Patrons in need of full representation, limited scope representation or unbundled services, may only be referred to qualified non-profit legal services programs such as Legal Aid, Public Counsel, and approved Bar Association lawyer referral services and pro bono programs. Referrals for other purposes shall only be made to appropriate government, community and non-profit agencies. The SHLAC are not to be used to solicit business for private practitioners or others, or for referral to for-profit agencies, individuals or others. Records of referrals shall be kept by CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR shall implement necessary procedures to ensure that the SHLAC is not used to solicit business for private practitioners or others, or for referral to for-profit agencies, individuals or others.
7. Intake Form: Persons requesting assistance shall complete a patron intake form. The intake form may be electronic and completed online or on computers at a SHLAC center. Intake forms shall include the following: the patron's name, home address, city, state, zip code, phone number, email address, gender, level of education, income level and primary language. Intake forms shall ask if the patron owns or has access to a computer, laptop, or tablet with internet access, or uses a smart phone. Intake forms shall also include the type of assistance the patron is seeking; if this is their first visit to the SHLAC; whether the patron is currently represented by counsel; if the District Attorney, City Attorney or other prosecuting agency is involved in any aspect of the case; and how they were referred to the SHLAC. Income information will be provided on a voluntary basis for statistical purposes only. Intake forms shall disclose that the SHLAC is not acting as the patron's legal representative, and that both parties to a dispute may be using the SHLAC for assistance.
8. Patron Satisfaction Survey: CONTRACTOR shall request that every patron complete a customer satisfaction survey. Surveys may be completed by patrons at the SHLAC, emailed to patrons, completed online, or by any other means. CONTRACTOR will present surveys to patrons in a manner designed to yield the highest level of patron participation. Surveys may be emailed to patrons or completed by patrons online. Digital records of patron satisfaction surveys shall be retained for a period of three (3) years.
9. Services: CONTRACTOR will counsel and educate patrons concerning the laws relevant to their case, assist patrons with correctly completing required court forms, provide information regarding service of court papers on involved parties, provide counseling on how to prepare and present their own case to a judge or jury to obtain the manner of relief sought, and other counseling necessary to help patrons advance their case. Assistance is to be provided to patrons on civil law matters including, but not limited to: family law, landlord/tenant, name change, civil harassment restraining orders, conservatorship, debt collection, bankruptcy, expungements, sealing of juvenile records and other civil matters. CONTRACTOR will provide service to all patrons who request services identified in this paragraph. All services described in this paragraph will be provided during the hours of operation as defined in Section #3. Referrals from a court in session will be given priority service to accommodate the needs of the litigant and the court. Staff will use checklists or other tools to review court forms completed by patrons at the SHLAC to ensure that they are completed accurately and will be accepted for filing by the court. The SHLAC will collaborate with other self-help services operating at the courts.

10. Use of Technology: CONTRACTOR shall maximize the use of technology to provide services to patrons. Effective use of technology should allow for services to be provided without the need for every patron to visit a SHLAC, and allow those who do visit a SHLAC to receive service without waiting in long lines or risk being turned away. CONTRACTOR will establish a website that provides patrons with resources and self-help services that may include, but is not limited to: instructional materials and forms, videos and tutorials, online chat with SHLAC staff or volunteers, web or videoconferencing workshops, email, ask a question, or other web based self-help resources to assist patrons. Telephone counseling services may also be offered. Each SHLAC shall be equipped with computers with internet access and printers to assist patrons with forms completion and case research.
11. Online Legal Forms Completion: CONTRACTOR will make available to patrons a legal forms completion program that is accessible online. The program must store and save patrons personal information, and use a question and answer format that obtains information and produces machine printed legal forms ready for review at a SHLAC Center or for filing with the court. The program must allow patrons to begin completion of legal forms before they visit a SHLAC center, continue completion if needed at a SHLAC Center with staff assistance, and allow a litigant if needed to continue completing forms after they leave a SHLAC center. Contractor will ensure that at least 30% of all patrons serviced by the SHLAC utilize the system and file machine printer forms with the court the first year, 40% the second year and a minimum of 50% by the third year.
12. Forms and Materials: Forms, including Judicial Council approved court forms, will be made available in electronic, web based and paper formats to SHLAC patrons without charge. Other materials deemed appropriate and necessary by the CONTRACTOR shall also be made available to patrons to assist them in understanding the laws, regulations, and procedures relevant to their case. Materials should be available in English and Spanish and in other languages deemed appropriate and necessary by CONTRACTOR to assist patrons. Publications designed to assist unrepresented patrons shall also be made available on-site and online.
13. Hearing or Visually Impaired Patrons: CONTRACTOR will seek the assistance of qualified organizations when necessary to communicate with the hearing or visually impaired.
14. Outreach to the Legal Community: CONTRACTOR shall engage in outreach activities designed to educate the legal community, bar associations, public interest attorneys and others of the existence of the SHLAC, its purpose, the services offered, issues facing pro per litigants, and volunteer opportunities for legal professionals and others.
15. Court Liaison: CONTRACTOR will establish and maintain effective and productive communications with court staff and administrators to inform them of the activities of the SHLAC and to seek their support in the successful operation of the program. SHLAC staff will make efforts to communicate with court employees at court staff meetings, through court employee newsletters, court staff email or other court employee communications in an effort to inform all court employees of the existence of the SHLAC, its purpose, and the services

offered. SHLAC staff will also meet with court officials to increase unrepresented litigants' access to the Court by improving operational effectiveness, improving Court/SHLAC forms, and development of new Court/SHLAC procedures. A record of meetings with court officials shall be kept by each SHLAC to document communications with the court. CONTRACTOR shall develop with the court a mechanism to track patrons who receive SHLAC services through the court system for end results surveys.

16. Volunteers and Volunteer Training: CONTRACTOR shall recruit volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, paralegal students, college students, and community volunteers to assist patrons of the SHLAC. CONTRACTOR shall develop a training program and training manual to ensure quality service and compliance with the provisions of this contract.
17. Coordination of SHLAC Services and Office Protocols: SHLAC staff will use uniform written procedures that outline office operations and employee/volunteer duties. CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the operation of all SHLAC to ensure uniform policies, procedures, materials and forms. Staff from all SHLAC shall meet at least quarterly to coordinate efforts, to discuss service issues, and to ensure that each center is operating efficiently and effectively.
18. Program Evaluation: CONTRACTOR shall prepare for the COUNTY an annual report which shall include the number of people assisted online and at each Center, a summary of the number of volunteers serving online and at the SHLAC and the number of hours served, and summarize the results of liaison with the Court including improvements in operational effectiveness, improvements to Court/SHLAC forms, development of new Court/SHLAC procedures, or other benefits of the program.
19. Reports: Complete financial reports of expenditures shall be provided to the COUNTY by the twenty-fifth day of each month for the previous month. Reports must also be submitted by the twenty-fifth day of each month for the previous month which details a summary of the patron information obtained on the intake form in Section 7 in digital form.
20. Copies and Stamps: CONTRACTOR will make photocopying services available at or near the SHLAC with or without charge. CONTRACTOR will also provide for the sale of postage stamps and envelopes at or near the SHLAC.
21. State Guidelines Compliance: CONTRACTOR shall operate the SHLACs consistent with the terms of the Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers in California Trial Courts issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts February 29, 2008, under California Rules of Court 10.960

**APPENDIX B**

**SAMPLE CONTRACT**

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**CONTRACT**  
**BY AND BETWEEN**  
**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**  
**AND**  
**(CONTRACTOR)**  
**FOR**  
**OPERATION OF SELF HELP LEGAL ACCESS CENTERS**  
**(SHLAC)**

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**CONTRACT BETWEEN  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
AND**

**\_\_\_\_\_  
FOR OPERATING AND STAFFING THE SELF HELP LEGAL  
ACCESS CENTERS (SHALC)**

This Contract ("Contract") made and entered into this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016\_ by and between the County of Los Angeles, hereinafter referred to as County and \_\_\_\_\_, hereinafter referred to as "Contractor". \_\_\_\_\_ is located at \_\_\_\_\_.

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, the County may contract with private businesses for **Operation of Self Help Legal Access Centers** when certain requirements are met; and

WHEREAS, the Contractor is a private firm specializing in providing **Self Help Legal Services**; and

WHEREAS, the Contract is authorized by Section 31000 of the California Government Code;

WHEREAS, the County has determined that it is legal, feasible, and cost-effective to contract for **Self Help Legal Services**; and

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants contained herein, and for good and valuable consideration, the parties agree to the following:

## **1.0 APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS**

Exhibits A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I and J are attached to and form a part of this Contract. In the event of any conflict or inconsistency in the definition or interpretation of any word, responsibility, schedule, or the contents or description of any task, deliverable, goods, service, or other work, or otherwise between the base Contract and the Exhibits, or between Exhibits, such conflict or inconsistency shall be resolved by giving precedence first to the terms and conditions of the Contract and then to the Exhibits according to the following priority.

### **Standard Exhibits:**

- 1.1 EXHIBIT A - Statement of Work
- 1.2 EXHIBIT B - Pricing Schedule
- 1.3 EXHIBIT C - Contractor's EEO Certification
- 1.4 EXHIBIT D - Forms Required at the Time of Contract Execution  
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This Contract constitutes the complete and exclusive statement of understanding between the parties, and supersedes all previous contracts, written and oral, and all communications between the parties relating to the subject matter of this Contract. No change to this Contract shall be valid unless prepared pursuant to subparagraph 8.1 - Amendments and signed by both parties.

## 2.0 DEFINITIONS

The headings herein contained are for convenience and reference only and are not intended to define the scope of any provision thereof. The following words as used herein shall be construed to have the following meaning, unless otherwise apparent from the context in which they are used.

- 2.1 **Contract:** This agreement executed between County and Contractor. It sets forth the terms and conditions for the issuance and performance of all tasks, deliverables, services and other work including the Statement of Work, Exhibit A.
- 2.2 **Contractor:** The sole proprietor, partnership, corporation or other person or entity that has entered into this Contract with the County.
- 2.3 **Contractor Project Manager:** The individual designated by the Contractor to administer the Contract operations after the Contract award.
- 2.4 **County Project Director:** Person designated by County with authority for County on contractual or administrative matters relating to this Contract and to manage the operations under this contract.
- 2.5 **Day(s):** Calendar day(s) unless otherwise specified.
- 2.6 **Fiscal Year:** The twelve (12) month period beginning July 1st and ending the following June 30th.

## 3.0 WORK

- 3.1 Pursuant to the provisions of this Contract, the Contractor shall fully perform, complete and deliver on time, all tasks, deliverables, services and other work as set forth in herein.
- 3.2 If the Contractor provides any tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work, other than as specified in this Contract, the same shall be deemed to be a gratuitous effort on the part of the Contractor, and the Contractor shall have no claim whatsoever against the County.

## 4.0 TERM OF CONTRACT

- 4.1 The term of this Contract shall be three (3) years commencing after execution by County's Board of Supervisors, unless sooner terminated or extended, in whole or in part, as provided in this

Contract. This three-year base term shall expire on August 31, 2019.

- 4.2 The County shall have the sole option to extend this Contract term for up to two (2) additional one-year periods and six (6) month to month extensions, for a maximum total Contract term of five (5) years and six (6) months. Each such extension option may be exercised at the sole discretion of the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs.

The County maintains databases that track/monitor contractor performance history. Information entered into such databases may be used for a variety of purposes, including determining whether the County will exercise a contract term extension option.

- 4.3 The Contractor shall notify the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs when this Contract is within six (6) months of the expiration of the term as provided for herein above. Upon occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at the address herein provided in Exhibit E - County's Administration.

## **5.0 CONTRACT SUM**

- 5.1 The total contract sum shall not exceed the value shown in Exhibit B, Pricing Schedule. If any portion of any sum allocated to a given year of the term of this Agreement is unexpended, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs may, in his sole discretion, reallocate the unexpended funds to a subsequent year in the term of the Agreement. However, under no circumstance shall payments to the CONTRACTOR exceed the total contract sum.
- 5.2 The Contractor shall not be entitled to payment or reimbursement for any tasks or services performed, nor for any incidental or administrative expenses whatsoever incurred in or incidental to performance hereunder, except as specified herein. Assumption or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, or obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever, shall not occur except with the County's express prior written approval.
- 5.3 The Contractor shall maintain a system of record keeping that will allow the Contractor to determine when it has incurred seventy-five percent (75%) of the total contract sum under this Contract. Upon

occurrence of this event, the Contractor shall send written notification to Department of Consumer and Business Affairs at the address herein provided in Exhibit E - County's Administration.

**5.4 No Payment for Services Provided Following Expiration-Termination of Contract**

The Contractor shall have no claim against County for payment of any money or reimbursement, of any kind whatsoever, for any service provided by the Contractor after the expiration or other termination of this Contract. Should the Contractor receive any such payment it shall immediately notify County and shall immediately repay all such funds to County. Payment by County for services rendered after expiration-termination of this Contract shall not constitute a waiver of County's right to recover such payment from the Contractor. This provision shall survive the expiration or other termination of this Contract.

**5.5 Invoices and Payments**

5.5.1 The Contractor shall invoice the County only for providing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work specified in Exhibit A - Statement of Work and elsewhere hereunder. The Contractor shall prepare invoices, which shall include the charges owed to the Contractor by the County under the terms of this Contract. The Contractor's payments shall be as provided in Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule, and the Contractor shall be paid only for the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, and other work approved in writing by the County. If the County does not approve work in writing no payment shall be due to the Contractor for that work.

5.5.2 The Contractor's invoices shall be priced in accordance with Exhibit B - Pricing Schedule.

5.5.3 The Contractor's invoices shall contain the information set forth in Exhibit A - Statement of Work describing the tasks, deliverables, goods, services, work hours, and facility and/or other work for which payment is claimed.

5.5.4 The Contractor shall submit the monthly invoices to the County by the 25<sup>th</sup> calendar day of the month following the month of service.

5.5.5 All invoices under this Contract shall be submitted in two (2) copies to the following address:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 W. Temple St., Room B-96  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attention: Wendy Myring

#### **5.5.6 County Approval of Invoices**

All invoices submitted by the Contractor for payment must have the written approval of the County's Project Manager prior to any payment thereof. In no event shall the County be liable or responsible for any payment prior to such written approval. Approval for payment will not be unreasonably withheld

#### **5.5.7 Local Small Business Enterprises – Prompt Payment Program**

Certified Local Small Business Enterprises (LSBEs) will receive prompt payment for services they provide to County departments. Prompt payment is defined as fifteen (15) calendar days after receipt of an undisputed invoice.

## **6.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT - COUNTY**

### **COUNTY ADMINISTRATION**

A listing of all County Administration referenced in the following subparagraphs are designated in Exhibit E - County's Administration. The County will notify the Contractor in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.

#### **6.1 County's Project Director**

The role of the County's Project Director may include:

- coordinating with Contractor and ensuring Contractor's performance of the Contract; however, in no event shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby; and
- upon request of the Contractor, providing direction to the Contractor, as appropriate in areas relating to County policy, information requirements, and procedural requirements; however,

in no event, shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

- meeting with the Contractor's Project Manager on a regular basis; and
- inspecting any and all tasks, deliverables, goods, services, or other work provided by or on behalf of the Contractor; however, in no event shall Contractor's obligation to fully satisfy all of the requirements of this Contract be relieved, excused or limited thereby.

The County's Project Manager is not authorized to make any changes in any of the terms and conditions of this Contract and is not authorized to further obligate County in any respect whatsoever.

## **6.2 Dispute Resolution**

In the event of a dispute arising between Contractor and any of its Subcontractors regarding the Contractor's obligations under this Contract, or the Subcontractor's obligations under the subcontract, or disputes concerning program or personnel, which dispute Contractor and such Subcontractor are unable to resolve between themselves, the Contractor agrees to bring such dispute to the County's Project Director. The County's Project Director has the sole discretion to resolve such dispute and the Contractor and Subcontractor agree to abide by the decision of the County's Project Director. Contractor agrees that any decision by County's Project Director to resolve a dispute shall not require an amendment to this Contract to implement the decision. Regardless of the existence of any such dispute, or of a pending decision to resolve a dispute by County's Project Director, Contractor will continue to comply with its obligations under this Contract and agrees to cause its Subcontractor to continue to comply with Contractor's obligations under this Contract delegate by Contractor to such Subcontractor.

## **7.0 ADMINISTRATION OF CONTRACT – CONTRACTOR**

A listing of all of Contractor's Administration referenced in the following subparagraphs are designated in Exhibit F - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor will notify the County in writing of any change in the names or addresses shown.



## **7.1 Contractor's Project Manager**

7.1.1 The Contractor's Project Manager is designated in Exhibit F - Contractor's Administration. The Contractor shall notify the County in writing of any change in the name or address of the Contractor's Project Manager.

7.1.2 The Contractor's Project Manager shall be responsible for the Contractor's day-to-day activities as related to this Contract and shall meet and coordinate with County's Project Manager and County's Contract Project Monitor on a regular basis.

## **7.2 Approval of Contractor's Staff**

County has the absolute right to approve or disapprove all of the Contractor's staff performing work hereunder and any proposed changes in the Contractor's staff, including, but not limited to, the Contractor's Project Manager.

## **7.3 Contractor's Staff Identification**

Contractor shall provide, at Contractor's expense, all staff providing services under this Contract with a photo identification badge.

## **7.4 Background and Security Investigations**

7.4.1 Each of Contractor's staff performing services under this Contract, who is in a designated sensitive position, as determined by County in County's sole discretion, shall undergo and pass a background investigation to the satisfaction of County as a condition of beginning and continuing to perform services under this Contract. Such background investigation must be obtained through fingerprints submitted to the California Department of Justice to include State, local, and federal-level review, which may include, but shall not be limited to, criminal conviction information. The fees associated with the background investigation shall be at the expense of the Contractor, regardless of whether the member of Contractor's staff passes or fails the background investigation.

7.4.2 If a member of Contractor's staff does not pass the background investigation, County may request that the member of Contractor's staff be removed immediately from performing services under the Contract. Contractor shall comply with County's request at any time during the term of

the Contract. County will not provide to Contractor or to Contractor's staff any information obtained through the County's background investigation

7.4.3 County, in its sole discretion, may immediately deny or terminate facility access to any member of Contractor's staff that does not pass such investigation to the satisfaction of the County or whose background or conduct is incompatible with County facility access.

7.4.4 Disqualification of any member of Contractor's staff pursuant to this Paragraph 7.4 shall not relieve Contractor of its obligation to complete all work in accordance with the terms and conditions of this Contract.

## **7.5 Confidentiality**

7.5.1 Contractor shall maintain the confidentiality of all records and information in accordance with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures relating to confidentiality, including, without limitation, County policies concerning information technology security and the protection of confidential records and information.

7.5.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting, or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Sub-Contractors, to comply with this Paragraph 7.5, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 7.5 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall

not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

7.5.3 Contractor shall inform all of its officers, employees, agents and Sub-Contractors providing services hereunder of the confidentiality provisions of this Contract.

7.5.4 Contractor shall sign and adhere to the provisions of the "Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement", Exhibit I.

## **8.0 STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **8.1 Amendments**

8.1.1 For any change which affects the scope of work, term, contract sum, payments, or any term or condition included under this Contract, an amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs or his designee.

8.1.2 The County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer or designee may require the addition and/or change of certain terms and conditions in the Contract during the term of this Contract. The County reserves the right to add and/or change such provisions as required by the County's Board of Supervisors or Chief Executive Officer. To implement such changes, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the County's Project Director.

8.1.3 The Director of the Department of Consumer And Business Affairs or his designee, may at his/her sole discretion, authorize extensions of time as defined in Paragraph 4.0 - Term of Contract. The Contractor agrees that such extensions of time shall not change any other term or condition of this Contract during the period of such extensions. To implement an extension of time, an Amendment to the Contract shall be prepared and executed by the Contractor and by the County's Project Director.

### **8.2 Assignment and Delegation**

8.2.1 The Contractor shall not assign its rights or delegate its duties under this Contract, or both, whether in whole or in

part, without the prior written consent of County, in its discretion, and any attempted assignment or delegation without such consent shall be null and void. For purposes of this subparagraph, County consent shall require a written Amendment to the Contract, which is formally approved and executed by the parties. Any payments by the County to any approved delegatee or assignee on any claim under this Contract shall be deductible, at County's sole discretion, against the claims, which the Contractor may have against the County.

8.2.2 Shareholders, partners, members, or other equity holders of Contractor may transfer, sell, exchange, assign, or divest themselves of any interest they may have therein. However, in the event any such sale, transfer, exchange, assignment, or divestment is effected in such a way as to give majority control of Contractor to any person(s), corporation, partnership, or legal entity other than the majority controlling interest therein at the time of execution of the Contract, such disposition is an assignment requiring the prior written consent of County in accordance with applicable provisions of this Contract.

8.2.3 Any assumption, assignment, delegation, or takeover of any of the Contractor's duties, responsibilities, obligations, or performance of same by any person or entity other than the Contractor, whether through assignment, subcontract, delegation, merger, buyout, or any other mechanism, with or without consideration for any reason whatsoever without County's express prior written approval, shall be a material breach of the Contract which may result in the termination of this Contract. In the event of such termination, County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by Contractor.

### **8.3 Authorization Warranty**

The Contractor represents and warrants that the person executing this Contract for the Contractor is an authorized agent who has actual authority to bind the Contractor to each and every term, condition, and obligation of this Contract and that all requirements of the Contractor have been fulfilled to provide such actual authority.

#### **8.4 Budget Reductions**

In the event that the County's Board of Supervisors adopts, in any fiscal year, a County Budget which provides for reductions in the salaries and benefits paid to the majority of County employees and imposes similar reductions with respect to County contracts, the County reserves the right to reduce its payment obligation under this Contract correspondingly for that fiscal year and any subsequent fiscal year during the term of this Contract (including any extensions), and the services to be provided by the Contractor under this Contract shall also be reduced correspondingly. The County's notice to the Contractor regarding said reduction in payment obligation shall be provided within thirty (30) calendar days of the Board's approval of such actions. Except as set forth in the preceding sentence, the Contractor shall continue to provide all of the services set forth in this Contract.

#### **8.5 Complaints**

The Contractor shall develop, maintain and operate procedures for receiving, investigating and responding to complaints.

- 8.5.1 Within thirty (30) business days after the Contract effective date, the Contractor shall provide the County with the Contractor's policy for receiving, investigating and responding to user complaints.
- 8.5.2 The County will review the Contractor's policy and provide the Contractor with approval of said plan or with requested changes.
- 8.5.3 If the County requests changes in the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall make such changes and resubmit the plan within five (5) business days for County approval.
- 8.5.4 If, at any time, the Contractor wishes to change the Contractor's policy, the Contractor shall submit proposed changes to the County for approval before implementation.
- 8.5.5 The Contractor shall preliminarily investigate all complaints and notify the County's Project Manager of the status of the investigation within five (5) business days of receiving the complaint.
- 8.5.6 When complaints cannot be resolved informally, a system of follow-through shall be instituted which adheres to formal plans for specific actions and strict time deadlines.

- 8.5.7 Copies of all written responses shall be sent to the County's Project Manager within three (3) business days of mailing to the complainant.

## **8.6 Compliance with Applicable Law**

- 8.6.1 In the performance of this Contract, Contractor shall comply with all applicable Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies and procedures, and all provisions required thereby to be included in this Contract are hereby incorporated herein by reference.

- 8.6.2 Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless County, its officers, employees, and agents, from and against any and all claims, demands, damages, liabilities, losses, costs, and expenses, including, without limitation, defense costs and legal, accounting and other expert, consulting or professional fees, arising from, connected with, or related to any failure by Contractor, its officers, employees, agents, or Sub-Contractors, to comply with any such laws, rules, regulations, ordinances, directives, guidelines, policies, or procedures, as determined by County in its sole judgment. Any legal defense pursuant to Contractor's indemnification obligations under this Paragraph 8.6 shall be conducted by Contractor and performed by counsel selected by Contractor and approved by County. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, County shall have the right to participate in any such defense at its sole cost and expense, except that in the event Contractor fails to provide County with a full and adequate defense, as determined by County in its sole judgment, County shall be entitled to retain its own counsel, including, without limitation, County Counsel, and to reimbursement from Contractor for all such costs and expenses incurred by County in doing so. Contractor shall not have the right to enter into any settlement, agree to any injunction or other equitable relief, or make any admission, in each case, on behalf of County without County's prior written approval.

## **8.7 Compliance with Civil Rights Laws**

The Contractor hereby assures that it will comply with Subchapter VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 USC Sections 2000 (e) (1) through 2000 (e) (17), to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, creed, color, sex, religion, ancestry, age, condition of physical handicap, marital status, political affiliation, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the

benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract. The Contractor shall comply with Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.

## **8.8 Compliance with the County's Jury Service Program**

### **8.8.1 Jury Service Program:**

This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Contractor Employee Jury Service ("Jury Service Program") as codified in Sections 2.203.010 through 2.203.090 of the Los Angeles County Code, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit G and incorporated by reference into and made a part of this Contract.

### **8.8.2 Written Employee Jury Service Policy.**

1. Unless the Contractor has demonstrated to the County's satisfaction either that the Contractor is not a "Contractor" as defined under the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.020 of the County Code) or that the Contractor qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program (Section 2.203.070 of the County Code), the Contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its Employees shall receive from the Contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that Employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the Contractor or that the Contractor deduct from the Employee's regular pay the fees received for jury service.
2. For purposes of this subparagraph, "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the County or a subcontract with a County Contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more in any twelve (12) month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of the Contractor. "Full-time" means forty (40) hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if: 1) the lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the County, or 2) Contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full-time.

Full-time employees providing short-term, temporary services of 90 days or less within a twelve (12) month period are not considered full-time for purposes of the Jury Service Program. If the Contractor uses any Sub-Contractor to perform services for the County under the Contract, the Sub-Contractor shall also be subject to the provisions of this subparagraph. The provisions of this subparagraph shall be inserted into any such subcontract agreement and a copy of the Jury Service Program shall be attached to the agreement.

3. If the Contractor is not required to comply with the Jury Service Program when the Contract commences, the Contractor shall have a continuing obligation to review the applicability of its "exception status" from the Jury Service Program, and the Contractor shall immediately notify the County if the Contractor at any time either comes within the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" or if the Contractor no longer qualifies for an exception to the Jury Service Program. In either event, the Contractor shall immediately implement a written policy consistent with the Jury Service Program. The County may also require, at any time during the Contract and at its sole discretion, that the Contractor demonstrate, to the County's satisfaction that the Contractor either continues to remain outside of the Jury Service Program's definition of "Contractor" and/or that the Contractor continues to qualify for an exception to the Program.
4. Contractor's violation of this subparagraph of the Contract may constitute a material breach of the Contract. In the event of such material breach, County may, in its sole discretion, terminate the Contract and/or bar the Contractor from the award of future County contracts for a period of time consistent with the seriousness of the breach.

## **8.9 Conflict of Interest**

- 8.9.1 No County employee whose position with the County enables such employee to influence the award of this Contract or any competing Contract, and no spouse or economic dependent of such employee, shall be employed in any capacity by the Contractor or have any direct or indirect financial interest in this Contract. No officer or



employee of the Contractor who may financially benefit from the performance of work hereunder shall in any way participate in the County's approval, or ongoing evaluation, of such work, or in any way attempt to unlawfully influence the County's approval or ongoing evaluation of such work.

- 8.9.2 The Contractor shall comply with all conflict of interest laws, ordinances, and regulations now in effect or hereafter to be enacted during the term of this Contract. The Contractor warrants that it is not now aware of any facts that create a conflict of interest. If the Contractor hereafter becomes aware of any facts that might reasonably be expected to create a conflict of interest, it shall immediately make full written disclosure of such facts to the County. Full written disclosure shall include, but is not limited to, identification of all persons implicated and a complete description of all relevant circumstances. Failure to comply with the provisions of this subparagraph shall be a material breach of this Contract.

**8.10 Consideration of Hiring County Employees Targeted for Layoff or Re-Employment List**

Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract to perform the services set forth herein, the Contractor shall give first consideration for such employment openings to qualified, permanent County employees who are targeted for layoff or qualified, former County employees who are on a re-employment list during the life of this Contract.

**8.11 Consideration of Hiring Gain-Grow Participants**

- 8.11.1 Should the Contractor require additional or replacement personnel after the effective date of this Contract, the Contractor shall give consideration for any such employment openings to participants in the County's Department of Public Social Services Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program or General Relief Opportunity for Work (GROW) Program who meet the Contractor's minimum qualifications for the open position. For this purpose, consideration shall mean that the Contractor will interview qualified candidates. The County will refer GAIN-GROW participants by job category to the Contractor. Contractors shall report all job openings with job requirements to: [GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov) to obtain a list of qualified GAIN-GROW job candidates.

- 8.11.2 In the event that both laid-off County employees and GAIN-GROW participants are available for hiring, County employees shall be given first priority.

## **8.12 Contractor Responsibility and Debarment**

### **8.12.1 Responsible Contractor**

A responsible Contractor is a Contractor who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity and experience to satisfactorily perform the contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible Contractors.

### **8.12.2 Chapter 2.202 of the County Code**

The Contractor is hereby notified that, in accordance with Chapter 2.202 of the County Code, if the County acquires information concerning the performance of the Contractor on this or other contracts which indicates that the Contractor is not responsible, the County may, in addition to other remedies provided in the Contract, debar the Contractor from bidding or proposing on, or being awarded, and/or performing work on County contracts for a specified period of time, which generally will not exceed five (5) years but may exceed five (5) years or be permanent if warranted by the circumstances, and terminate any or all existing contracts the Contractor may have with the County.

### **8.12.3 Non-responsible Contractor**

The County may debar a Contractor if the Board of Supervisors finds, in its discretion, that the Contractor has done any of the following: 1) violated a term of a contract with the County or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, 2) committed an act or omission which negatively reflects on the Contractor's quality, fitness or capacity to perform a contract with the County, any other public entity, or a nonprofit corporation created by the County, or engaged in a pattern or practice which negatively reflects on same, 3) committed an act or offense which indicates a lack of business integrity or business honesty, or 4) made or submitted a false claim against the County or any other public entity.

#### **8.12.4 Contractor Hearing Board**

1. If there is evidence that the Contractor may be subject to debarment, the Department will notify the Contractor in writing of the evidence which is the basis for the proposed debarment and will advise the Contractor of the scheduled date for a debarment hearing before the Contractor Hearing Board.
2. The Contractor Hearing Board will conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed debarment is presented. The Contractor and/or the Contractor's representative shall be given an opportunity to submit evidence at that hearing. After the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall prepare a tentative proposed decision, which shall contain a recommendation regarding whether the Contractor should be debarred, and, if so, the appropriate length of time of the debarment. The Contractor and the Department shall be provided an opportunity to object to the tentative proposed decision prior to its presentation to the Board of Supervisors.
3. After consideration of any objections, or if no objections are submitted, a record of the hearing, the proposed decision, and any other recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board shall be presented to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.
4. If a Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years, that Contractor may after the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years, submit a written request for review of the debarment determination to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The County may, in its discretion, reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment if it finds that the Contractor has adequately demonstrated one or more of the following: 1) elimination of the grounds for which the debarment was imposed; 2) a bona fide change in ownership or management; 3) material evidence discovered after debarment was imposed; or 4) any other reason that is in the best interests of the County.

5. The Contractor Hearing Board will consider a request for review of a debarment determination only where 1) the Contractor has been debarred for a period longer than five (5) years; 2) the debarment has been in effect for at least five (5) years; and 3) the request is in writing, states one or more of the grounds for reduction of the debarment period or termination of the debarment, and includes supporting documentation. Upon receiving an appropriate request, the Contractor Hearing Board will provide notice of the hearing on the request. At the hearing, the Contractor Hearing Board shall conduct a hearing where evidence on the proposed reduction of debarment period or termination of debarment is presented. This hearing shall be conducted and the request for review decided by the Contractor Hearing Board pursuant to the same procedures as for a debarment hearing.
6. The Contractor Hearing Board's proposed decision shall contain a recommendation on the request to reduce the period of debarment or terminate the debarment. The Contractor Hearing Board shall present its proposed decision and recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. The Board of Supervisors shall have the right to modify, deny, or adopt the proposed decision and recommendation of the Contractor Hearing Board.

#### **8.12.5 Sub-Contractors of Contractor**

These terms shall also apply to Sub-Contractors of County Contractors.

#### **8.13 Contractor's Acknowledgement of County's Commitment to Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The Contractor acknowledges that the County places a high priority on the implementation of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law. The Contractor understands that it is the County's policy to encourage all County Contractors to voluntarily post the County's "Safely Surrendered Baby Law" poster in a prominent position at the Contractor's place of business. The Contractor will also encourage its Sub-Contractors, if any, to post this poster in a prominent position in the Sub-Contractor's place of business. The County's Department of Children and Family Services will supply the Contractor with the

poster to be used. Information on how to receive the poster can be found on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org).

#### **8.14 Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program**

8.14.1 The Contractor acknowledges that the County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals who benefit financially from the County through contracts are in compliance with their court-ordered child, family and spousal support obligations in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon the County and its taxpayers.

8.14.2 As required by the County's Child Support Compliance Program (County Code Chapter 2.200) and without limiting the Contractor's duty under this Contract to comply with all applicable provisions of law, the Contractor warrants that it is now in compliance and shall during the term of this Contract maintain in compliance with employment and wage reporting requirements as required by the Federal Social Security Act (42 USC Section 653a) and California Unemployment Insurance Code Section 1088.5, and shall implement all lawfully served Wage and Earnings Withholding Orders or Child Support Services Department Notices of Wage and Earnings Assignment for Child, Family or Spousal Support, pursuant to Code of Civil Procedure Section 706.031 and Family Code Section 5246(b).

#### **8.15 County's Quality Assurance Plan**

The County or its agent will evaluate the Contractor's performance under this Contract on not less than an annual basis. Such evaluation will include assessing the Contractor's compliance with all Contract terms and conditions and performance standards. Contractor deficiencies which the County determines are severe or continuing and that may place performance of the Contract in jeopardy if not corrected will be reported to the Board of Supervisors.

The report will include improvement/corrective action measures taken by the County and the Contractor. If improvement does not occur consistent with the corrective action measures, the County may terminate this Contract or impose other penalties as specified in this Contract.

## **8.16 Damage to County Facilities, Buildings or Grounds**

- 8.16.1 The Contractor shall repair, or cause to be repaired, at its own cost, any and all damage to County facilities, buildings, or grounds caused by the Contractor or employees or agents of the Contractor. Such repairs shall be made immediately after the Contractor has become aware of such damage, but in no event later than thirty (30) days after the occurrence.
- 8.16.2 If the Contractor fails to make timely repairs, County may make any necessary repairs. All costs incurred by County, as determined by County, for such repairs shall be repaid by the Contractor by cash payment upon demand.

## **8.17 Employment Eligibility Verification**

- 8.17.1 The Contractor warrants that it fully complies with all Federal and State statutes and regulations regarding the employment of aliens and others and that all its employees performing work under this Contract meet the citizenship or alien status requirements set forth in Federal and State statutes and regulations. The Contractor shall obtain, from all employees performing work hereunder, all verification and other documentation of employment eligibility status required by Federal and State statutes and regulations including, but not limited to, the Immigration Reform and Control Act of 1986, (P.L. 99-603), or as they currently exist and as they may be hereafter amended. The Contractor shall retain all such documentation for all covered employees for the period prescribed by law.
- 8.17.2 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless, the County, its agents, officers, and employees from employer sanctions and any other liability which may be assessed against the Contractor or the County or both in connection with any alleged violation of any Federal or State statutes or regulations pertaining to the eligibility for employment of any persons performing work under this Contract.

## **8.18 Facsimile Representations**

The County and the Contractor hereby agree to regard facsimile representations of original signatures of authorized officers of each party, when appearing in appropriate places on the Amendments prepared pursuant to subparagraph 8.1, and received via

communications facilities, as legally sufficient evidence that such original signatures have been affixed to Amendments to this Contract, such that the parties need not follow up facsimile transmissions of such documents with subsequent (non-facsimile) transmission of "original" versions of such documents.

#### **8.19 Fair Labor Standards**

The Contractor shall comply with all applicable provisions of the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act and shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County and its agents, officers, and employees from any and all liability, including, but not limited to, wages, overtime pay, liquidated damages, penalties, court costs, and attorneys' fees arising under any wage and hour law, including, but not limited to, the Federal Fair Labor Standards Act, for work performed by the Contractor's employees for which the County may be found jointly or solely liable.

#### **8.20 Force Majeure**

8.20.1 Neither party shall be liable for such party's failure to perform its obligations under and in accordance with this Contract, if such failure arises out of fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, other natural occurrences, strikes, lockouts (other than a lockout by such party or any of such party's Sub-Contractors), freight embargoes, or other similar events to those described above, but in every such case the failure to perform must be totally beyond the control and without any fault or negligence of such party (such events are referred to in this subparagraph as "force majeure events").

8.20.2 Notwithstanding the foregoing, a default by a Sub-Contractor of Contractor shall not constitute a force majeure event, unless such default arises out of causes beyond the control of both Contractor and such Sub-Contractor, and without any fault or negligence of either of them. In such case, Contractor shall not be liable for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Sub-Contractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "Sub-Contractor" and "Sub-Contractors" mean Sub-Contractors at any tier.

8.20.3 In the event Contractor's failure to perform arises out of a force majeure event, Contractor agrees to use commercially

reasonable best efforts to obtain goods or services from other sources, if applicable, and to otherwise mitigate the damages and reduce the delay caused by such force majeure event.

#### **8.21 Governing Law, Jurisdiction, and Venue**

This Contract shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of California. The Contractor agrees and consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of the State of California for all purposes regarding this Contract and further agrees and consents that venue of any action brought hereunder shall be exclusively in the County of Los Angeles.

#### **8.22 Independent Contractor Status**

8.22.1 This Contract is by and between the County and the Contractor and is not intended, and shall not be construed, to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture, or association, as between the County and the Contractor. The employees and agents of one party shall not be, or be construed to be, the employees or agents of the other party for any purpose whatsoever.

8.22.2 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for providing to, or on behalf of, all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract all compensation and benefits. The County shall have no liability or responsibility for the payment of any salaries, wages, unemployment benefits, disability benefits, Federal, State, or local taxes, or other compensation, benefits, or taxes for any personnel provided by or on behalf of the Contractor.

8.22.3 The Contractor understands and agrees that all persons performing work pursuant to this Contract are, for purposes of Workers' Compensation liability, solely employees of the Contractor and not employees of the County. The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for furnishing any and all Workers' Compensation benefits to any person as a result of any injuries arising from or connected with any work performed by or on behalf of the Contractor pursuant to this Contract.

8.22.4 The Contractor shall adhere to the provisions stated in subparagraph 7.5 - Confidentiality.



### **8.23 Indemnification**

The Contractor shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the County, its Special Districts, elected and appointed officers, employees, agents and volunteers ("County Indemnitees") from and against any and all liability, including but not limited to demands, claims, actions, fees, costs and expenses (including attorney and expert witness fees), arising from and/or relating to this Contract, except for such loss or damage arising from the sole negligence or willful misconduct of the County Indemnitees.

### **8.24 General Provisions for all Insurance Coverage**

Without limiting Contractor's indemnification of County, and in the performance of this Contract and until all of its obligations pursuant to this Contract have been met, Contractor shall provide and maintain at its own expense insurance coverage satisfying the requirements specified in Sections 8.24 and 8.25 of this Contract. These minimum insurance coverage terms, types and limits (the "Required Insurance") also are in addition to and separate from any other contractual obligation imposed upon Contractor pursuant to this Contract. The County in no way warrants that the Required Insurance is sufficient to protect the Contractor for liabilities which may arise from or relate to this Contract.

#### **8.24.1 Evidence of Coverage and Notice to County**

- Certificate(s) of insurance coverage (Certificate) satisfactory to County, and a copy of an Additional Insured endorsement confirming County and its Agents (defined below) has been given Insured status under the Contractor's General Liability policy, shall be delivered to County at the address shown below and provided prior to commencing services under this Contract.
- Renewal Certificates shall be provided to County not less than ten (10) days prior to Contractor's policy expiration dates. The County reserves the right to obtain complete, certified copies of any required Contractor and/or Sub-Contractor insurance policies at any time.
- Certificates shall identify all Required Insurance coverage types and limits specified herein, reference this Contract by name or number, and be signed by an authorized representative of the insurer(s). The Insured

party named on the Certificate shall match the name of the Contractor identified as the contracting party in this Contract. Certificates shall provide the full name of each insurer providing coverage, its NAIC (National Association of Insurance Commissioners) identification number, its financial rating, the amounts of any policy deductibles or self-insured retentions exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), and list any County required endorsement forms.

- Neither the County's failure to obtain, nor the County's receipt of, or failure to object to a non-complying insurance certificate or endorsement, or any other insurance documentation or information provided by the Contractor, its insurance broker(s) and/or insurer(s), shall be construed as a waiver of any of the Required Insurance provisions.

Certificates and copies of any required endorsements shall be sent to:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 W. Temple St., Room B-96  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attention: Wendy Myring

Contractor also shall promptly report to County any injury or property damage accident or incident, including any injury to a Contractor employee occurring on County property, and any loss, disappearance, destruction, misuse, or theft of County property, monies or securities entrusted to Contractor. Contractor also shall promptly notify County of any third party claim or suit filed against Contractor or any of its Sub-Contractors which arises from or relates to this Contract, and could result in the filing of a claim or lawsuit against Contractor and/or County.

#### **8.24.2 Additional Insured Status and Scope of Coverage**

The County of Los Angeles, its Special Districts, Elected Officials, Officers, Agents, Employees and Volunteers (collectively County and its Agents) shall be provided additional insured status under Contractor's General Liability policy with respect to liability arising out of Contractor's ongoing and completed operations performed on behalf of the County. County and its Agents additional

insured status shall apply with respect to liability and defense of suits arising out of the Contractor's acts or omissions, whether such liability is attributable to the Contractor or to the County. The full policy limits and scope of protection also shall apply to the County and its Agents as an additional insured, even if they exceed the County's minimum Required Insurance specifications herein. Use of an automatic additional insured endorsement form is acceptable providing it satisfies the Required Insurance provisions herein.

#### **8.24.3 Cancellation of or Changes in Insurance**

Contractor shall provide County with, or Contractor's insurance policies shall contain a provision that County shall receive, written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance, including insurer, limits of coverage, term of coverage or policy period. The written notice shall be provided to County at least ten (10) days in advance of cancellation for non-payment of premium and thirty (30) days in advance for any other cancellation or policy change. Failure to provide written notice of cancellation or any change in Required Insurance may constitute a material breach of the Contract, in the sole discretion of the County, upon which the County may suspend or terminate this Contract.

#### **8.24.4 Failure to Maintain Insurance**

Contractor's failure to maintain or to provide acceptable evidence that it maintains the Required Insurance shall constitute a material breach of the Contract, upon which County immediately may withhold payments due to Contractor, and/or suspend or terminate this Contract. County, at its sole discretion, may obtain damages from Contractor resulting from said breach. Alternatively, the County may purchase the Required Insurance, and without further notice to Contractor, deduct the premium cost from sums due to Contractor or pursue Contractor reimbursement.

#### **8.24.5 Insurer Financial Ratings**

Coverage shall be placed with insurers acceptable to the County with A.M. Best ratings of not less than A:VII unless otherwise approved by County.

#### **8.24.6 Contractor's Insurance Shall Be Primary**

Contractor's insurance policies, with respect to any claims related to this Contract, shall be primary with respect to all other sources of coverage available to Contractor. Any County maintained insurance or self-insurance coverage shall be in excess of and not contribute to any Contractor coverage.

#### **8.24.7 Waivers of Subrogation**

To the fullest extent permitted by law, the Contractor hereby waives its rights and its insurer(s)' rights of recovery against County under all the Required Insurance for any loss arising from or relating to this Contract. The Contractor shall require its insurers to execute any waiver of subrogation endorsements which may be necessary to effect such waiver.

#### **8.24.8 Sub-Contractor Insurance Coverage Requirements**

Contractor shall include all Sub-Contractors as insureds under Contractor's own policies, or shall provide County with each Sub-Contractor's separate evidence of insurance coverage. Contractor shall be responsible for verifying each Sub-Contractor complies with the Required Insurance provisions herein, and shall require that each Sub-Contractor name the County and Contractor as additional insureds on the Sub-Contractor's General Liability policy. Contractor shall obtain County's prior review and approval of any Sub-Contractor request for modification of the Required Insurance.

#### **8.24.9 Deductibles and Self-Insured Retentions (SIRs)**

Contractor's policies shall not obligate the County to pay any portion of any Contractor deductible or SIR. The County retains the right to require Contractor to reduce or eliminate policy deductibles and SIRs as respects the County, or to provide a bond guaranteeing Contractor's payment of all deductibles and SIRs, including all related claims investigation, administration and defense expenses. Such bond shall be executed by a corporate surety licensed to transact business in the State of California.

#### **8.24.10 Claims Made Coverage**

If any part of the Required Insurance is written on a claims made basis, any policy retroactive date shall precede the effective date of this Contract. Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following Contract expiration, termination or cancellation.

#### **8.24.11 Application of Excess Liability Coverage**

Contractors may use a combination of primary and excess insurance policies which provide coverage as broad as the underlying primary policies, to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions.

#### **8.24.12 Separation of Insureds**

All liability policies shall provide cross-liability coverage as would be afforded by the standard ISO (Insurance Services Office, Inc.) separation of insureds provision with no insured versus insured exclusions or limitations.

#### **8.24.13 Alternative Risk Financing Programs**

The County reserves the right to review, and then approve, Contractor use of self-insurance, risk retention groups, risk purchasing groups, pooling arrangements and captive insurance to satisfy the Required Insurance provisions. The County and its Agents shall be designated as an Additional Covered Party under any approved program.

#### **8.24.14 County Review and Approval of Insurance Requirements**

The County reserves the right to review and adjust the Required Insurance provisions, conditioned upon County's determination of changes in risk exposures.

## **8.25 Insurance Coverage**

**8.25.1 Commercial General Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CG 00 01), naming County and its Agents as an additional insured, with limits of not less than:

General Aggregate:	\$2 million
Products/Completed Operations Aggregate:	\$1 million
Personal and Advertising Injury:	\$1 million
Each Occurrence:	\$1 million

**8.25.2 Automobile Liability** insurance (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form CA 00 01) with limits of not less than \$1 million for bodily injury and property damage, in combined or equivalent split limits, for each single accident. Insurance shall cover liability arising out of Contractor's use of autos pursuant to this Contract, including owned, leased, hired, and/or non-owned autos, as each may be applicable.

**8.25.3 Workers Compensation and Employers' Liability** insurance or qualified self-insurance satisfying statutory requirements, which includes Employers' Liability coverage with limits of not less than one million (\$1,000,000) per accident. If Contractor will provide leased employees, or, is an employee leasing or temporary staffing firm or a professional employer organization (PEO), coverage also shall include an Alternate Employer Endorsement (providing scope of coverage equivalent to ISO policy form WC 00 03 01 A) naming the County as the Alternate Employer, and the endorsement form shall be modified to provide that County will receive not less than thirty (30) days advance written notice of cancellation of this coverage provision. If applicable to Contractor's operations, coverage also shall be arranged to satisfy the requirements of any federal workers or workmen's compensation law or any federal occupational disease law.

### **8.25.4 Unique Insurance Coverage**

- **Professional Liability-Errors and Omissions**

Insurance covering Contractor's liability arising from or related to this Contract, with limits of not less than \$1 million per claim and two (\$2) million aggregate. Further, Contractor understands and agrees it shall maintain such coverage for a period of not less than three (3) years following this Agreement's expiration, termination or cancellation.

- **Property Coverage**

Contractors given exclusive use of County owned or leased property shall carry property coverage at least as broad as that provided by the ISO special causes of loss (ISO policy form CP 10 30) form. The County and its Agents shall be named as an Additional Insured and Loss Payee on Contractor's insurance as its interests may appear. Automobiles and mobile equipment shall be insured for their actual cash value. Real property and all other personal property shall be insured for their full replacement value.

## **8.26 Liquidated Damages**

- 8.26.1 If, in the judgment of the Department Head, or his/her designee, the Contractor is deemed to be non-compliant with the terms and obligations assumed hereby, the Department Head, or his/her designee, at his/her option, in addition to, or in lieu of, other remedies provided herein, may withhold the entire monthly payment or deduct pro rata from the Contractor's invoice for work not performed. A description of the work not performed and the amount to be withheld or deducted from payments to the Contractor from the County, will be forwarded to the Contractor by the Department Head, or his/her designee, in a written notice describing the reasons for said action.
- 8.26.2 If the Department Head, or his/her designee, determines that there are deficiencies in the performance of this Contract that the Department Head, or his/her designee, deems are correctable by the Contractor over a certain time span, the Department Head, or his/her designee, will provide a written notice to the Contractor to correct the deficiency within specified time frames. Should the Contractor fail to correct deficiencies within said time frame, the Department Head, or his/her designee, may: (a) Deduct from the Contractor's payment, pro rata, those applicable portions of the Monthly Contract Sum; and/or (b)

Deduct liquidated damages. The parties agree that it will be impracticable or extremely difficult to fix the extent of actual damages resulting from the failure of the Contractor to correct a deficiency within the specified time frame. The parties hereby agree that under the current circumstances a reasonable estimate of such damages is one hundred dollars (\$100) per day per infraction, and that the Contractor shall be liable to the County for liquidated damages in said amount. Said amount shall be deducted from the County's payment to the Contractor; and/or (c) Upon giving five (5) days notice to the Contractor for failure to correct the deficiencies, the County may correct any and all deficiencies and the total costs incurred by the County for completion of the work by an alternate source, whether it be County forces or separate private contractor, will be deducted and forfeited from the payment to the Contractor from the County, as determined by the County.

8.26.3 The action noted in subparagraph 8.26.2 shall not be construed as a penalty, but as adjustment of payment to the Contractor to recover the County cost due to the failure of the Contractor to complete or comply with the provisions of this Contract.

8.26.4 This subparagraph shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to damages for any breach of this Contract provided by law or as specified in the PRS or subparagraph 8.26.2, and shall not, in any manner, restrict or limit the County's right to terminate this Contract as agreed to herein.

## **8.27 Most Favored Public Entity**

If the Contractor's prices decline, or should the Contractor at any time during the term of this Contract provide the same goods or services under similar quantity and delivery conditions to the State of California or any county, municipality, or district of the State at prices below those set forth in this Contract, then such lower prices shall be immediately extended to the County.

## **8.28 Nondiscrimination and Affirmative Action**

8.28.1 The Contractor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and shall be treated equally without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status,



or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations.

- 8.28.2 The Contractor shall certify to, and comply with, the provisions of Exhibit C - Contractor's EEO Certification.
- 8.28.3 The Contractor shall take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed, and that employees are treated during employment, without regard to race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, in compliance with all applicable Federal and State anti-discrimination laws and regulations. Such action shall include, but is not limited to: employment, upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment or recruitment advertising, layoff or termination, rates of pay or other forms of compensation, and selection for training, including apprenticeship.
- 8.28.4 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it will deal with its Sub-Contractors, bidders, or vendors without regard to or because of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation.
- 8.28.5 The Contractor certifies and agrees that it, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies shall comply with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations to the end that no person shall, on the grounds of race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, sex, age, physical or mental disability, marital status, or political affiliation, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under this Contract or under any project, program, or activity supported by this Contract.
- 8.28.6 The Contractor shall allow County representatives access to the Contractor's employment records during regular business hours to verify compliance with the provisions of this subparagraph 8.28 when so requested by the County.
- 8.28.7 If the County finds that any provisions of this subparagraph 8.28 have been violated, such violation shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract. While

the County reserves the right to determine independently that the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract have

been violated, in addition, a determination by the California Fair Employment and Housing Commission or the Federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that the Contractor has violated Federal or State anti-discrimination laws or regulations shall constitute a finding by the County that the Contractor has violated the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract.

8.28.8 The parties agree that in the event the Contractor violates any of the anti-discrimination provisions of this Contract, the County shall, at its sole option, be entitled to the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for each such violation pursuant to California Civil Code Section 1671 as liquidated damages in lieu of terminating or suspending this Contract.

#### **8.29 Non Exclusivity**

Nothing herein is intended nor shall be construed as creating any exclusive arrangement with the Contractor. This Contract shall not restrict County from acquiring similar, equal or like goods and/or services from other entities or sources.

#### **8.30 Notice of Delays**

Except as otherwise provided under this Contract, when either party has knowledge that any actual or potential situation is delaying or threatens to delay the timely performance of this Contract, that party shall, within one (1) business day, give notice thereof, including all relevant information with respect thereto, to the other party.

#### **8.31 Notice of Disputes**

The Contractor shall bring to the attention of the County's Project Manager and/or County's Project Director any dispute between the County and the Contractor regarding the performance of services as stated in this Contract. If the County's Project Manager or County's Project Director is not able to resolve the dispute, the Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs or his/her designee shall resolve it.

**8.32 Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws. Such notice shall be provided in accordance with the requirements set forth in Internal Revenue Service Notice No. 1015.

**8.33 Notice to Employees Regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law**

The Contractor shall notify and provide to its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify and provide to its employees, a fact sheet regarding the Safely Surrendered Baby Law, its implementation in Los Angeles County, and where and how to safely surrender a baby. The fact sheet is set forth in Exhibit H of this Contract and is also available on the Internet at [www.babysafela.org](http://www.babysafela.org) for printing purposes.

**8.34 Notices**

All notices or demands required or permitted to be given or made under this Contract shall be in writing and shall be hand delivered with signed receipt or mailed by first-class registered or certified mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the parties as identified in Exhibits E - County's Administration and F - Contractor's Administration. Addresses may be changed by either party giving ten (10) days prior written notice thereof to the other party. The Director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs or his/her designee shall have the authority to issue all notices or demands required or permitted by the County under this Contract.

**8.35 Prohibition Against Inducement or Persuasion**

Notwithstanding the above, the Contractor and the County agree that, during the term of this Contract and for a period of one year thereafter, neither party shall in any way intentionally induce or persuade any employee of one party to become an employee or agent of the other party. No bar exists against any hiring action initiated through a public announcement.

## **8.36 Public Records Act**

- 8.36.1 Any documents submitted by the Contractor; all information obtained in connection with the County's right to audit and inspect the Contractor's documents, books, and accounting records pursuant to subparagraph 8.38 - Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement of this Contract; as well as those documents which were required to be submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) used in the solicitation process for this Contract, become the exclusive property of the County. All such documents become a matter of public record and shall be regarded as public records. Exceptions will be those elements in the California Government Code Section 6250 et seq. (Public Records Act) and which are marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary". The County shall not in any way be liable or responsible for the disclosure of any such records including, without limitation, those so marked, if disclosure is required by law, or by an order issued by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- 8.36.2 In the event the County is required to defend an action on a Public Records Act request for any of the aforementioned documents, information, books, records, and/or contents of a proposal marked "trade secret", "confidential", or "proprietary", the Contractor agrees to defend and indemnify the County from all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney's fees, in action or liability arising under the Public Records Act.

## **8.37 Publicity**

- 8.37.1 The Contractor shall not disclose any details in connection with this Contract to any person or entity except as may be otherwise provided hereunder or required by law. However, in recognizing the Contractor's need to identify its services and related clients to sustain itself, the County shall not inhibit the Contractor from publishing its role under this Contract within the following conditions:
- The Contractor shall develop all publicity material in a professional manner; and
  - During the term of this Contract, the Contractor shall not, and shall not authorize another to, publish or disseminate any commercial advertisements, press releases, feature articles, or other materials using the

name of the County without the prior written consent of the County's Project Director. The County shall not unreasonably withhold written consent.

8.37.2 The Contractor may, without the prior written consent of County, indicate in its proposals and sales materials that it has been awarded this Contract with the County of Los Angeles, provided that the requirements of this subparagraph 8.37 shall apply.

#### **8.38 Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement**

The Contractor shall maintain accurate and complete financial records of its activities and operations relating to this Contract in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The Contractor shall also maintain accurate and complete employment and other records relating to its performance of this Contract. The Contractor agrees that the County, or its authorized representatives, shall have access to and the right to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe any pertinent transaction, activity, or record relating to this Contract. All such material, including, but not limited to, all financial records, bank statements, cancelled checks or other proof of payment, timecards, sign-in/sign-out sheets and other time and employment records, and proprietary data and information, shall be kept and maintained by the Contractor and shall be made available to the County during the term of this Contract and for a period of five (5) years thereafter unless the County's written permission is given to dispose of any such material prior to such time. All such material shall be maintained by the Contractor at a location in Los Angeles County, provided that if any such material is located outside Los Angeles County, then, at the County's option, the Contractor shall pay the County for travel, per diem, and other costs incurred by the County to examine, audit, excerpt, copy, or transcribe such material at such other location.

8.38.1 In the event that an audit of the Contractor is conducted specifically regarding this Contract by any Federal or State auditor, or by any auditor or accountant employed by the Contractor or otherwise, then the Contractor shall file a copy of such audit report with the County's Auditor-Controller within thirty (30) days of the Contractor's receipt thereof, unless otherwise provided by applicable Federal or State law or under this Contract. Subject to applicable law, the County shall make a reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of such audit report(s).

8.38.2 Failure on the part of the Contractor to comply with any of the provisions of this subparagraph 8.38 shall constitute a material breach of this Contract upon which the County may terminate or suspend this Contract.

8.38.3 If, at any time during the term of this Contract or within five (5) years after the expiration or termination of this Contract, representatives of the County conduct an audit of the Contractor regarding the work performed under this Contract, and if such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for any such work is less than payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be either: a) repaid by the Contractor to the County by cash payment upon demand or b) at the sole option of the County's Auditor-Controller, deducted from any amounts due to the Contractor from the County, whether under this Contract or otherwise. If such audit finds that the County's dollar liability for such work is more than the payments made by the County to the Contractor, then the difference shall be paid to the Contractor by the County by cash payment, provided that in no event shall the County's maximum obligation for this Contract exceed the funds appropriated by the County for the purpose of this Contract.

### **8.39 Recycled Bond Paper**

Consistent with the Board of Supervisors' policy to reduce the amount of solid waste deposited at the County landfills, the Contractor agrees to use recycled-content paper to the maximum extent possible on this Contract.

### **8.40 Subcontracting**

8.40.1 The requirements of this Contract may not be subcontracted by the Contractor **without the advance approval of the County**. Any attempt by the Contractor to subcontract without the prior consent of the County may be deemed a material breach of this Contract.

8.40.2 If the Contractor desires to subcontract, the Contractor shall provide the following information promptly at the County's request:

- A description of the work to be performed by the Sub-Contractor;
- A draft copy of the proposed subcontract; and

- Other pertinent information and/or certifications requested by the County.

- 8.40.3 The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold the County harmless with respect to the activities of each and every Sub-Contractor in the same manner and to the same degree as if such Sub-Contractor(s) were the Contractor employees.
- 8.40.4 The Contractor shall remain fully responsible for all performances required of it under this Contract, including those that the Contractor has determined to subcontract, notwithstanding the County's approval of the Contractor's proposed subcontract.
- 8.40.5 The County's consent to subcontract shall not waive the County's right to prior and continuing approval of any and all personnel, including Sub-Contractor employees, providing services under this Contract. The Contractor is responsible to notify its Sub-Contractors of this County right.
- 8.40.6 The County's Project Director is authorized to act for and on behalf of the County with respect to approval of any subcontract and Sub-Contractor employees. After approval of the subcontract by the County, Contractor shall forward a fully executed subcontract to the County for their files.
- 8.40.7 The Contractor shall be solely liable and responsible for all payments or other compensation to all Sub-Contractors and their officers, employees, agents, and successors in interest arising through services performed hereunder, notwithstanding the County's consent to subcontract.
- 8.40.8 The Contractor shall obtain certificates of insurance, which establish that the Sub-Contractor maintains all the programs of insurance required by the County from each approved Sub-Contractor. The Contractor shall ensure delivery of all such documents to:

County of Los Angeles  
Department of Consumer and Business Affairs  
500 W. Temple St., Room B-96  
Los Angeles, CA 90012  
Attention: Wendy Myring

before any Sub-Contractor employee may perform any work hereunder.

#### **8.41 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Child Support Compliance Program**

Failure of the Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in subparagraph 8.14 - Contractor's Warranty of Adherence to County's Child Support Compliance Program, shall constitute default under this Contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to the County under any other provision of this Contract, failure of the Contractor to cure such default within ninety (90) calendar days of written notice shall be grounds upon which the County may terminate this Contract pursuant to subparagraph 8.43 - Termination for Default and pursue debarment of the Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.202.

#### **8.42 Termination for Convenience**

8.42.1 This Contract may be terminated, in whole or in part, from time to time, when such action is deemed by the County, in its sole discretion, to be in its best interest. Termination of work hereunder shall be effected by notice of termination to the Contractor specifying the extent to which performance of work is terminated and the date upon which such termination becomes effective. The date upon which such termination becomes effective shall be no less than ten (10) days after the notice is sent.

8.42.2 After receipt of a notice of termination and except as otherwise directed by the County, the Contractor shall:

- Stop work under this Contract on the date and to the extent specified in such notice, and
- Complete performance of such part of the work as shall not have been terminated by such notice.

8.42.3 All material including books, records, documents, or other evidence bearing on the costs and expenses of the Contractor under this Contract shall be maintained by the Contractor in accordance with subparagraph 8.38, Record Retention and Inspection-Audit Settlement.



## **8.43 Termination for Default**

8.43.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, terminate the whole or any part of this Contract, if, in the judgment of County's Project Director:

- Contractor has materially breached this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to timely provide and/or satisfactorily perform any task, deliverable, service, or other work required either under this Contract; or
- Contractor fails to demonstrate a high probability of timely fulfillment of performance requirements under this Contract, or of any obligations of this Contract and in either case, fails to demonstrate convincing progress toward a cure within five (5) working days (or such longer period as the County may authorize in writing) after receipt of written notice from the County specifying such failure.

8.43.2 In the event that the County terminates this Contract in whole or in part as provided in subparagraph 8.43.1, the County may procure, upon such terms and in such manner as the County may deem appropriate, goods and services similar to those so terminated. The Contractor shall be liable to the County for any and all excess costs incurred by the County, as determined by the County, for such similar goods and services. The Contractor shall continue the performance of this Contract to the extent not terminated under the provisions of this subparagraph.

8.43.3 Except with respect to defaults of any Sub-Contractor, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs of the type identified in subparagraph 8.43.2 if its failure to perform this Contract arises out of causes beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. Such causes may include, but are not limited to: acts of God or of the public enemy, acts of the County in either its sovereign or contractual capacity, acts of Federal or State governments in their sovereign capacities, fires, floods, epidemics, quarantine restrictions, strikes, freight embargoes, and unusually severe weather; but in every case, the failure to perform must be beyond the control and without the fault or negligence of the Contractor. If the failure to perform is caused by the default of a Sub-Contractor, and if such default arises out of causes beyond

the control of both the Contractor and Sub-Contractor, and without the fault or negligence of either of them, the Contractor shall not be liable for any such excess costs for failure to perform, unless the goods or services to be furnished by the Sub-Contractor were obtainable from other sources in sufficient time to permit the Contractor to meet the required performance schedule. As used in this subparagraph, the term "Sub-Contractor(s)" means Sub-Contractor(s) at any tier.

- 8.43.4 If, after the County has given notice of termination under the provisions of this subparagraph 8.43, it is determined by the County that the Contractor was not in default under the provisions of this subparagraph 8.43, or that the default was excusable under the provisions of subparagraph 8.43.3, the rights and obligations of the parties shall be the same as if the notice of termination had been issued pursuant to subparagraph 8.42 - Termination for Convenience.
- 8.43.5 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.43 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.44 Termination for Improper Consideration**

- 8.44.1 The County may, by written notice to the Contractor, immediately terminate the right of the Contractor to proceed under this Contract if it is found that consideration, in any form, was offered or given by the Contractor, either directly or through an intermediary, to any County officer, employee, or agent with the intent of securing this Contract or securing favorable treatment with respect to the award, amendment, or extension of this Contract or the making of any determinations with respect to the Contractor's performance pursuant to this Contract. In the event of such termination, the County shall be entitled to pursue the same remedies against the Contractor as it could pursue in the event of default by the Contractor.
- 8.44.2 The Contractor shall immediately report any attempt by a County officer or employee to solicit such improper consideration. The report shall be made either to the County manager charged with the supervision of the employee or to the County Auditor-Controller's Employee Fraud Hotline at (800) 544-6861.

- 8.44.3 Among other items, such improper consideration may take the form of cash, discounts, services, the provision of travel or entertainment, or tangible gifts.

#### **8.45 Termination for Insolvency**

8.45.1 The County may terminate this Contract forthwith in the event of the occurrence of any of the following:

- Insolvency of the Contractor. The Contractor shall be deemed to be insolvent if it has ceased to pay its debts for at least sixty (60) days in the ordinary course of business or cannot pay its debts as they become due, whether or not a petition has been filed under the Federal Bankruptcy Code and whether or not the Contractor is insolvent within the meaning of the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The filing of a voluntary or involuntary petition regarding the Contractor under the Federal Bankruptcy Code;
- The appointment of a Receiver or Trustee for the Contractor; or
- The execution by the Contractor of a general assignment for the benefit of creditors.

8.45.2 The rights and remedies of the County provided in this subparagraph 8.45 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.46 Termination for Non-Adherence of County Lobbyist Ordinance**

The Contractor, and each County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm as defined in County Code Section 2.160.010 retained by the Contractor, shall fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance, County Code Chapter 2.160. Failure on the part of the Contractor or any County Lobbyist or County Lobbying firm retained by the Contractor to fully comply with the County's Lobbyist Ordinance shall constitute a material breach of this Contract, upon which the County may in its sole discretion, immediately terminate or suspend this Contract.

#### **8.47 Termination for Non-Appropriation of Funds**

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County shall not be obligated for the Contractor's performance hereunder or by any provision of this Contract during any of the County's future fiscal years unless and until the County's Board of Supervisors appropriates funds for this Contract in the County's Budget for each such future fiscal year. In the event that funds are not appropriated for this Contract, then this Contract shall terminate as of June 30 of the last fiscal year for which funds were appropriated. The County shall notify the Contractor in writing of any such non-allocation of funds at the earliest possible date.

#### **8.48 Validity**

If any provision of this Contract or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Contract and the application of such provision to other persons or circumstances shall not be affected thereby.

#### **8.49 Waiver**

No waiver by the County of any breach of any provision of this Contract shall constitute a waiver of any other breach or of such provision. Failure of the County to enforce at any time, or from time to time, any provision of this Contract shall not be construed as a waiver thereof. The rights and remedies set forth in this subparagraph 8.49 shall not be exclusive and are in addition to any other rights and remedies provided by law or under this Contract.

#### **8.50 Warranty Against Contingent Fees**

8.50.1 The Contractor warrants that no person or selling agency has been employed or retained to solicit or secure this Contract upon any Contract or understanding for a commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee, excepting bona fide employees or bona fide established commercial or selling agencies maintained by the Contractor for the purpose of securing business.

8.50.2 For breach of this warranty, the County shall have the right to terminate this Contract and, at its sole discretion, deduct from the Contract price or consideration, or otherwise recover, the full amount of such commission, percentage, brokerage, or contingent fee.

**8.51 Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

Contractor acknowledges that County has established a goal of ensuring that all individuals and businesses that benefit financially from County through contract are current in paying their property tax obligations (secured and unsecured roll) in order to mitigate the economic burden otherwise imposed upon County and its taxpayers.

Unless Contractor qualifies for an exemption or exclusion, Contractor warrants and certifies that to the best of its knowledge it is now in compliance, and during the term of this contract will maintain compliance, with Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206.

**8.52 Termination for Breach of Warranty to Maintain Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program**

Failure of Contractor to maintain compliance with the requirements set forth in Paragraph 8.51 "Warranty of Compliance with County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program" shall constitute default under this contract. Without limiting the rights and remedies available to County under any other provision of this contract, failure of Contractor to cure such default within ten (10) days of notice shall be grounds upon which County may terminate this contract and/or pursue debarment of Contractor, pursuant to County Code Chapter 2.206.

**8.53 Time Off for Voting**

The Contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each Sub-Contractor to notify and provide to its employees, information regarding the time off for voting law (Elections Code Section 14000). Not less than ten (10) days before every statewide election, every Contractor and Sub-Contractors shall keep posted conspicuously at the place of work, if practicable, or elsewhere where it can be seen as employees come or go to their place of work, a notice setting forth the provisions of Section 14000.

## **9.0 UNIQUE TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

### **9.1 Neutrality in Labor Relations**

The Contractor shall not use any consideration received under the Contract to hinder, or to further, organization of, or collective bargaining activities by or on behalf of the Contractor's employees, except that this restriction shall not apply to any expenditure made in the course of good faith collective bargaining, or to any expenditure pursuant to obligations incurred under a bona fide collective bargaining Contract, or which would otherwise be permitted under the provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

### **9.2 (Intentionally Omitted)**

### **9.3 Local Small Business Enterprise(SBE) Preference Program**

9.3.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Local Small Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.204 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.3.2 The Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise.

9.3.3 The Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Local Small Business Enterprise.

9.3.4 If the Contractor has obtained certification as a Local Small Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten (10) percent of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the State, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and Internal Services Department (ISD) of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

#### **9.4 Ownership of Materials, Software and Copyright**

- 9.4.1 County shall be the sole owner of all right, title and interest, including copyright, in and to all software, plans, diagrams, facilities, and tools (hereafter "materials") which are originated or created through the Contractor's work pursuant to this Contract. The Contractor, for valuable consideration herein provided, shall execute all documents necessary to assign and transfer to, and vest in the County all of the Contractor's right, title and interest in and to such original materials, including any copyright, patent and trade secret rights which arise pursuant to the Contractor's work under this Contract.
- 9.4.2 During the term of this Contract and for five (5) years thereafter, the Contractor shall maintain and provide security for all of the Contractor's working papers prepared under this Contract. County shall have the right to inspect, copy and use at any time during and subsequent to the term of this Contract, any and all such working papers and all information contained therein.
- 9.4.3 Any and all materials, software and tools which are developed or were originally acquired by the Contractor outside the scope of this Contract, which the Contractor desires to use hereunder, and which the Contractor considers to be proprietary or confidential, must be

specifically identified by the Contractor to the County's Project Manager as proprietary or confidential, and shall be plainly and prominently marked by the Contractor as "Proprietary" or "Confidential" on each appropriate page of any document containing such material.

9.4.4 The County will use reasonable means to ensure that the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items are safeguarded and held in confidence. The County agrees not to reproduce, distribute or disclose to non-County entities any such proprietary and/or confidential items without the prior written consent of the Contractor.

9.4.5 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Contract, the County will not be obligated to the Contractor in any way under subparagraph 9.4.4 for any of the Contractor's proprietary and/or confidential items which are not plainly and prominently marked with restrictive legends as required by subparagraph 9.4.3 or for any disclosure which the County is required to make under any state or federal law or order of court.

9.4.6 All the rights and obligations of this subparagraph 9.4 shall survive the expiration or termination of this Contract.

## **9.5 Patent, Copyright and Trade Secret Indemnification**

9.5.1 The Contractor shall indemnify, hold harmless and defend County from and against any and all liability, damages, costs, and expenses, including, but not limited to, defense costs and attorneys' fees, for or by reason of any actual or alleged infringement of any third party's patent or copyright, or any actual or alleged unauthorized trade secret disclosure, arising from or related to the operation and utilization of the Contractor's work under this Contract. County shall inform the Contractor as soon as practicable of any claim or action alleging such infringement or unauthorized disclosure, and shall support the Contractor's defense and settlement thereof.

9.5.2 In the event any equipment, part thereof, or software product becomes the subject of any complaint, claim, or proceeding alleging infringement or unauthorized disclosure, such that County's continued use of such item is formally restrained, enjoined, or subjected to a risk of damages, the Contractor, at its sole expense, and



providing that County's continued use of the system is not materially impeded, shall either:

- Procure for County all rights to continued use of the questioned equipment, part, or software product; or
- Replace the questioned equipment, part, or software product with a non-questioned item; or
- Modify the questioned equipment, part, or software so that it is free of claims.

9.5.3 The Contractor shall have no liability if the alleged infringement or unauthorized disclosure is based upon a use of the questioned product, either alone or in combination with other items not supplied by the Contractor, in a manner for which the questioned product was not designed nor intended.

## **9.6 Contractor's Charitable Activities Compliance**

The Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act regulates entities receiving or raising charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) increased Charitable Purposes Act requirements. By requiring Contractors to complete the Charitable Contributions Certification, Exhibit J, the County seeks to ensure that all County contractors which receive or raise charitable contributions comply with California law in order to protect the County and its taxpayers. A Contractor which receives or raises charitable contributions without complying with its obligations under California law commits a material breach subjecting it to either contract termination or debarment proceedings or both. (County Code Chapter 2.202)

## **9.7 Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program**

9.7.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitles Transitional Job Opportunities Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.205 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.7.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

9.7.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor.

9.7.4 If Contractor has obtained County certification as a Transitional Job Opportunity vendor by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
2. In addition to the amount described in subdivision (1), be assessed a penalty in an amount of not more than ten percent (10%) of the amount of the contract; and
3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any entity that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the certifying department of this information prior to responding to a

## **9.8 (Intentionally Omitted)**

## **9.9 Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program**

9.9.1 This Contract is subject to the provisions of the County's ordinance entitled Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise Preference Program, as codified in Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.

9.9.2 Contractor shall not knowingly and with the intent to defraud, fraudulently obtain, retain, attempt to obtain or

retain, or aid another in fraudulently obtaining or retaining or attempting to obtain or retain certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

9.9.3 Contractor shall not willfully and knowingly make a false statement with the intent to defraud, whether by affidavit, report, or other representation, to a County official or employee for the purpose of influencing the certification or denial of certification of any entity as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise.

9.9.4 If Contractor has obtained certification as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise by reason of having furnished incorrect supporting information or by reason of having withheld information, and which knew, or should have known, the information furnished was incorrect or the information withheld was relevant to its request for certification, and which by reason of such certification has been awarded this contract to which it would not otherwise have been entitled, shall:

1. Pay to the County any difference between the contract amount and what the County's costs would have been if the contract had been properly awarded;
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3. Be subject to the provisions of Chapter 2.202 of the Los Angeles County Code (Determinations of Contractor Non-responsibility and Contractor Debarment).

The above penalties shall also apply to any business that has previously obtained proper certification, however, as a result of a change in their status would no longer be eligible for certification, and fails to notify the state and ISD of this information prior to responding to a solicitation or accepting a contract award.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Contractor has executed this Contract, or caused it to be duly executed and the County of Los Angeles, by order of its Board of Supervisors has caused this Contract to be executed on its behalf by the Chair of said Board and attested by the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board of Supervisors thereof, the day and year first above written.

CONTRACTOR: ( \_\_\_\_\_ )  
Name

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

By \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mayor/Chairman), Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

PATRICK OGAWA  
Acting Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

By \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary C. Wickam  
Interim County Counsel

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Deputy County Counsel

# **SAMPLE CONTRACT**

## **EXHIBITS A-J**

## EXHIBIT A

### STATEMENT OF WORK

CONTRACTOR shall operate ten Self-Help Legal Access Centers (SHLAC) to assist unrepresented litigants at the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles.

CONTRACTOR shall provide the following services, as directed by the COUNTY's Project Director.

1. SHLAC Purpose and Locations: The purpose of the SHLAC is to help unrepresented litigants understand the legal options available to them and the laws, regulations and court procedures relevant to their case. The SHLAC helps unrepresented litigants complete court forms and prepares them to represent themselves in court. The SHLAC shall not offer services already provided by the County of Los Angeles or County funded contractors. The CONTRACTOR is to operate a SHLAC at each of the following locations of the Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles:
  - The Northwest District, Van Nuys Courthouse
  - The Southwest District, Inglewood Courthouse
  - The East District, Pomona Courthouse South
  - The North District, Antelope Valley Courthouse
  - The South District, Long Beach Courthouse
  - The North Valley District, San Fernando Courthouse
  - The West District, Santa Monica Courthouse
  - The Southwest District, Torrance Courthouse
  - The South Central District, Compton Courthouse
  - The North District, Chatsworth Courthouse
2. Eligibility \ Fees for Service: All residents of Los Angeles County with business at the Los Angeles County Superior Court are eligible for service without charge regardless of their income.
3. Hours of Operation: The SHLAC offices shall be open for service during regular court days and hours, except for one designated afternoon each month. During that designated afternoon, the SHLAC may be closed in order to hold staff meetings, meet with court personnel, and to attend to other matters necessary for the successful operation of the SHLAC. Each SHLAC may operate beyond regular court days and hours if permitted by the location at which it operates.
4. Staffing: Each SHLAC will be supervised by at least one attorney, licensed to practice law in California and in good standing, who will be present during operating hours. SHLAC staff and volunteers will assess the needs of each patron and provide brief, specific and time-limited assistance including, but not limited to, assistance in completing court forms, conducting legal research, understanding service of process, calculating deadlines, and understanding legal options. SHLAC staff and volunteers will provide assistance in English and Spanish and in any other language the CONTRACTOR deems necessary to fulfill the mission of the SHLAC.
5. Representation and Legal Advice: SHLAC employees and volunteers shall not dispense legal advice or provide direct legal representation to SHLAC patrons. Patrons in need of

legal representation shall be referred to qualified non-profit organizations as outlined in section #6.

6. Referrals: Patrons in need of full representation, limited scope representation or unbundled services, may only be referred to qualified non-profit legal services programs such as Legal Aid, Public Counsel, and approved Bar Association lawyer referral services and pro bono programs. Referrals for other purposes shall only be made to appropriate government, community and non-profit agencies. The SHLAC are not to be used to solicit business for private practitioners or others, or for referral to for-profit agencies, individuals or others. Records of referrals shall be kept by CONTRACTOR, and CONTRACTOR shall implement necessary procedures to ensure that the SHLAC is not used to solicit business for private practitioners or others, or for referral to for-profit agencies, individuals or others.
7. Intake Form: Persons requesting assistance shall complete a patron intake form. The intake form may be electronic and completed online or on computers at a SHLAC center. Intake forms shall include the following: the patron's name, home address, city, state, zip code, phone number, email address, gender, level of education, income level and primary language. Intake forms shall ask if the patron owns or has access to a computer, laptop, or tablet with internet access, or uses a smart phone. Intake forms shall also include the type of assistance the patron is seeking; if this is their first visit to the SHLAC; whether the patron is currently represented by counsel; if the District Attorney, City Attorney or other prosecuting agency is involved in any aspect of the case; and how they were referred to the SHLAC. Income information will be provided on a voluntary basis for statistical purposes only. Intake forms shall disclose that the SHLAC is not acting as the patron's legal representative, and that both parties to a dispute may be using the SHLAC for assistance.
8. Patron Satisfaction Survey: CONTRACTOR shall request that every patron complete a customer satisfaction survey. Surveys may be completed by patrons at the SHLAC, emailed to patrons, completed online, or by any other means. CONTRACTOR will present surveys to patrons in a manner designed to yield the highest level of patron participation. Surveys may be emailed to patrons or completed by patrons online. Digital records of patron satisfaction surveys shall be retained for a period of three (3) years.
9. Services: CONTRACTOR will counsel and educate patrons concerning the laws relevant to their case, assist patrons with correctly completing required court forms, provide information regarding service of court papers on involved parties, provide counseling on how to prepare and present their own case to a judge or jury to obtain the manner of relief sought, and other counseling necessary to help patrons advance their case. Assistance is to be provided to patrons on civil law matters including, but not limited to: family law, landlord/tenant, name change, civil harassment restraining orders, conservatorship, debt collection, bankruptcy, expungements, sealing of juvenile records and other civil matters. CONTRACTOR will provide service to all patrons who request services identified in this paragraph. All services described in this paragraph will be provided during the hours of operation as defined in Section #3. Referrals from a court in session will be given priority service to accommodate the needs of the litigant and the court. Staff will use checklists or other tools to review court forms completed by patrons at the SHLAC to ensure that they are completed accurately and will be accepted for filing by the court. The SHLAC will collaborate with other self-help services operating at the courts.

10. Use of Technology: CONTRACTOR shall maximize the use of technology to provide services to patrons. Effective use of technology should allow for services to be provided without the need for every patron to visit a SHLAC, and allow those who do visit a SHLAC to receive service without waiting in long lines or risk being turned away. CONTRACTOR will establish a website that provides patrons with resources and self-help services that may include, but is not limited to: instructional materials and forms, videos and tutorials, online chat with SHLAC staff or volunteers, web or videoconferencing workshops, email, ask a question, or other web based self-help resources to assist patrons. Telephone counseling services may also be offered. Each SHLAC shall be equipped with computers with internet access and printers to assist patrons with forms completion and case research.
11. Online Legal Forms Completion: CONTRACTOR will make available to patrons a legal forms completion program that is accessible online. The program must store and save patrons personal information, and use a question and answer format that obtains information and produces machine printed legal forms ready for review at a SHLAC Center or for filing with the court. The program must allow patrons to begin completion of legal forms before they visit a SHLAC center, continue completion if needed at a SHLAC Center with staff assistance, and allow a litigant if needed to continue completing forms after they leave a SHLAC center. Contractor will ensure that at least 30% of all patrons serviced by the SHLAC utilize the system and file machine printer forms with the court the first year, 40% the second year and a minimum of 50% by the third year.
12. Forms and Materials: Forms, including Judicial Council approved court forms, will be made available in electronic, web based and paper formats to SHLAC patrons without charge. Other materials deemed appropriate and necessary by the CONTRACTOR shall also be made available to patrons to assist them in understanding the laws, regulations, and procedures relevant to their case. Materials should be available in English and Spanish and in other languages deemed appropriate and necessary by CONTRACTOR to assist patrons. Publications designed to assist unrepresented patrons shall also be made available on-site and online.
13. Hearing or Visually Impaired Patrons: CONTRACTOR will seek the assistance of qualified organizations when necessary to communicate with the hearing or visually impaired.
14. Outreach to the Legal Community: CONTRACTOR shall engage in outreach activities designed to educate the legal community, bar associations, public interest attorneys and others of the existence of the SHLAC, its purpose, the services offered, issues facing pro per litigants, and volunteer opportunities for legal professionals and others.
15. Court Liaison: CONTRACTOR will establish and maintain effective and productive communications with court staff and administrators to inform them of the activities of the SHLAC and to seek their support in the successful operation of the program. SHLAC staff will make efforts to communicate with court employees at court staff meetings, through court employee newsletters, court staff email or other court employee communications in an effort to inform all court employees of the existence of the SHLAC, its purpose, and the services



offered. SHLAC staff will also meet with court officials to increase unrepresented litigants' access to the Court by improving operational effectiveness, improving Court/SHLAC forms, and development of new Court/SHLAC procedures. A record of meetings with court officials shall be kept by each SHLAC to document communications with the court. CONTRACTOR shall develop with the court a mechanism to track patrons who receive SHLAC services through the court system for end results surveys.

16. Volunteers and Volunteer Training: CONTRACTOR shall recruit volunteer attorneys, paralegals, law students, paralegal students, college students, and community volunteers to assist patrons of the SHLAC. CONTRACTOR shall develop a training program and training manual to ensure quality service and compliance with the provisions of this contract.
17. Coordination of SHLAC Services and Office Protocols: SHLAC staff will use uniform written procedures that outline office operations and employee/volunteer duties. CONTRACTOR shall coordinate the operation of all SHLAC to ensure uniform policies, procedures, materials and forms. Staff from all SHLAC shall meet at least quarterly to coordinate efforts, to discuss service issues, and to ensure that each center is operating efficiently and effectively.
18. Program Evaluation: CONTRACTOR shall prepare for the COUNTY an annual report which shall include the number of people assisted online and at each Center, a summary of the number of volunteers serving online and at the SHLAC and the number of hours served, and summarize the results of liaison with the Court including improvements in operational effectiveness, improvements to Court/SHLAC forms, development of new Court/SHLAC procedures, or other benefits of the program.
19. Reports: Complete financial reports of expenditures shall be provided to the COUNTY by the twenty-fifth day of each month for the previous month. Reports must also be submitted by the twenty-fifth day of each month for the previous month which details a summary of the patron information obtained on the intake form in Section 7 in digital form.
20. Copies and Stamps: CONTRACTOR will make photocopying services available at or near the SHLAC with or without charge. CONTRACTOR will also provide for the sale of postage stamps and envelopes at or near the SHLAC.
21. State Guidelines Compliance: CONTRACTOR shall operate the SHLACs consistent with the terms of the Guidelines for the Operation of Self-Help Centers in California Trial Courts issued by the Administrative Office of the Courts February 29, 2008, under California Rules of Court 10.960

**EXHIBIT B**  
**PRICING SCHEDULE**

POMONA						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000

INGLEWOOD						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500

COMPTON						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500

VAN NUYS						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 288,000	\$ 288,000	\$ 1,515,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 288,000	\$ 288,000	\$ 1,515,000

SANTA MONICA						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Discretionary Fund	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 805,000
TOTAL	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 161,000	\$ 805,000

SAN FERNANDO						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Discretionary Fund	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 269,000	\$ 269,000	\$ 1,105,000
TOTAL	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 189,000	\$ 269,000	\$ 269,000	\$ 1,105,000

LONG BEACH						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000

TORRANCE						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Discretionary Fund	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 967,500
TOTAL	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 193,500	\$ 967,500

ANTELOPE VALLEY						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 313,000	\$ 1,565,000

ADDITIONAL FUNDING VAN NUYS, SAN FERNANDO AND SANTA MONICA						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 75,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 60,000
TOTAL	\$ 75,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 135,000

CHATSWORTH *						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 156,500	\$ 782,500

CARRY OVER FUNDING LONG BEACH AND TORRANCE						
	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3	OPTION YEAR 1	OPTION YEAR 2	TOTAL
BUDGET	9/1/2011	9/1/2012	9/1/2013	9/1/2014	9/1/2015	
General Fund	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000
Discretionary Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL	\$ 70,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,000

\* Chatsworth Not Open or Funded, Budget for Proposal Purposes Only

\*\* Includes Chatsworth

<b>TOTAL PRICE **</b>	<b>\$ 11,640,000</b>
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## CONTRACTOR'S EEO CERTIFICATION

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Contractor Name

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Address

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Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

### GENERAL CERTIFICATION

In accordance with Section 4.32.010 of the Code of the County of Los Angeles, the contractor, supplier, or vendor certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

### CONTRACTOR'S SPECIFIC CERTIFICATIONS

- |    |   |                              |                             |
|----|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. | The Contractor has a written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. | The Contractor periodically conducts a self analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.   | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. | The Contractor has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. | Where problem areas are identified in employment practices, the Contractor has a system for taking reasonable corrective action, to include establishment of goals or timetables. | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Authorized Official's Printed Name and Title

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Authorized Official's Signature

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Date

## COUNTY'S ADMINISTRATION

CONTRACT NO. \_\_\_\_\_

### COUNTY PROJECT DIRECTOR:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S ADMINISTRATION****CONTRACTOR'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_**CONTRACT NO:** \_\_\_\_\_**CONTRACTOR'S PROJECT MANAGER:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTRACTOR'S AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL(S)**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Notices to Contractor shall be sent to the following:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Facsimile: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**2.203.010 Findings.**

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.020 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
  - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
  - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
  - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
  - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
  - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
  - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
  - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or

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8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.

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- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
  2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

### **2.203.030 Applicability.**

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

### **2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.**

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

### **2.203.050 Other Provisions.**

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

### **2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.**

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

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**2.203.070. Exceptions.**

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
  - 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
  - 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
  - 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.090. Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)



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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

## What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

*Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.*

## How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

## What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

## Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

## What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

## What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

## Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

## A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.





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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

## ¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

*Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.*

## ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazaletes y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazaletes igual.

## ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

## ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

## ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

## ¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

## ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

## ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

## ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

## Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazaletes con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



**CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT**

CONTRACTOR NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Contract No. \_\_\_\_\_

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

The Contractor referenced above has entered into a contract with the County of Los Angeles to provide certain services to the County. The County requires the Corporation to sign this Contractor Acknowledgement and Confidentiality Agreement.

**CONTRACTOR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:**

Contractor understands and agrees that the Contractor employees, consultants, Outsourced Vendors and independent contractors (Contractor's Staff) that will provide services in the above referenced agreement are Contractor's sole responsibility. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff must rely exclusively upon Contractor for payment of salary and any and all other benefits payable by virtue of Contractor's Staff's performance of work under the above-referenced contract.

Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff are not employees of the County of Los Angeles for any purpose whatsoever and that Contractor's Staff do not have and will not acquire any rights or benefits of any kind from the County of Los Angeles by virtue of my performance of work under the above-referenced contract. Contractor understands and agrees that Contractor's Staff will not acquire any rights or benefits from the County of Los Angeles pursuant to any agreement between any person or entity and the County of Los Angeles.

**CONFIDENTIALITY AGREEMENT:**

Contractor and Contractor's Staff may be involved with work pertaining to services provided by the County of Los Angeles and, if so, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may have access to confidential data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County. In addition, Contractor and Contractor's Staff may also have access to proprietary information supplied by other vendors doing business with the County of Los Angeles. The County has a legal obligation to protect all such confidential data and information in its possession, especially data and information concerning health, criminal, and welfare recipient records. Contractor and Contractor's Staff understand that if they are involved in County work, the County must ensure that Contractor and Contractor's Staff, will protect the confidentiality of such data and information. Consequently, Contractor must sign this Confidentiality Agreement as a condition of work to be provided by Contractor's Staff for the County.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff hereby agrees that they will not divulge to any unauthorized person any data or information obtained while performing work pursuant to the above-referenced contract between Contractor and the County of Los Angeles. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to forward all requests for the release of any data or information received to County's Project Manager.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to keep confidential all health, criminal, and welfare recipient records and all data and information pertaining to persons and/or entities receiving services from the County, design concepts, algorithms, programs, formats, documentation, Contractor proprietary information and all other original materials produced, created, or provided to Contractor and Contractor's Staff under the above-referenced contract. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to protect these confidential materials against disclosure to other than Contractor or County employees who have a need to know the information. Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree that if proprietary information supplied by other County vendors is provided to me during this employment, Contractor and Contractor's Staff shall keep such information confidential.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff agree to report any and all violations of this agreement by Contractor and Contractor's Staff and/or by any other person of whom Contractor and Contractor's Staff become aware.

Contractor and Contractor's Staff acknowledge that violation of this agreement may subject Contractor and Contractor's Staff to civil and/or criminal action and that the County of Los Angeles may seek all possible legal redress.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

PRINTED NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_



**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION**

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Company Name

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Address

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Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

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California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

**Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company.**

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.

**OR**

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.

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Signature

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Date

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Name and Title of Signer (please print)

**APPENDIX C**

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**FOR**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**

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**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 1**  
**PROPOSER'S ORGANIZATION QUESTIONNAIRE/AFFIDAVIT**

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Please complete, date and sign this form and place it as the first page of your proposal. The person signing the form must be authorized to sign on behalf of the Proposer and to bind the applicant in a Contract.

1. If your firm is a corporation or limited liability company (LLC), state its legal name (as found in your Articles of Incorporation) and State of incorporation:

_____	_____	_____
Name	State	Year Inc.

2. If your firm is a limited partnership or a sole proprietorship, state the name of the proprietor or managing partner:

\_\_\_\_\_

3. If your firm is doing business under one or more DBA's, please list all DBA's and the County(s) of registration:

Name	County of Registration	Year became DBA
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

4. Is your firm wholly or majority owned by, or a subsidiary of, another firm? \_\_\_\_ If yes,

Name of parent firm: \_\_\_\_\_

State of incorporation or registration of parent firm: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Please list any other names your firm has done business as within the last five (5) years.

Name	Year of Name Change
_____	_____
_____	_____

6. Indicate if your firm is involved in any pending acquisition/merger, including the associated company name. If not applicable, so indicate below.

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Proposer acknowledges and certifies that it meets and will comply with the Minimum Mandatory Qualifications as stated in Paragraph 3.0, of this Request for Proposal, as listed below.

(5) years of experience providing self-help services to unrepresented litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County,

AND \ OR

(10) years of experience providing free legal assistance to low income litigants at the local or community based level in Los Angeles County.

Check the appropriate boxes:

☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_ years self-help experience, within the last \_\_\_\_ years

☐ Yes ☐ No \_\_\_\_\_ years low income litigants experience, within the last \_\_\_\_ years

Proposer further acknowledges that if any false, misleading, incomplete, or deceptively unresponsive statements in connection with this proposal are made, the proposal may be rejected. The evaluation and determination in this area shall be at the Director's sole judgment and his/her judgment shall be final.

Proposer's Name:

Address:

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (Proposer's name), I \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name of Proposer's authorized representative), certify that the information contained in this Proposer's Organization Questionnaire/Affidavit is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Signature

Internal Revenue Service  
Employer Identification Number

Title

California Business License Number

Date

County WebVen Number

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 2**  
**PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR REFERENCES**

**Contractor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

List at least one (1) Reference(s) where the same or similar scope of services were provided in order to meet the Minimum Requirements stated in this solicitation.

<b>1. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
<b>2. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
<b>3. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
<b>4. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.
<b>5. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract		Type of Service	Dollar Amt.

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**PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF CONTRACTS**

**Contractor's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

List of all public entities for which the Contractor has provided service within the last three (3) years. Use additional sheets if necessary.

<b>1. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
<b>2. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )
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Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	
<b>5. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )
Name or Contract No.	# of Years / Term of Contract	Type of Service	Dollar Amt.	

# REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 4

## PROSPECTIVE CONTRACTOR LIST OF TERMINATED CONTRACTS

Contractor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

List of all contracts that have been terminated within the past three (3) years.

<b>1. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.      Reason for Termination:				
<b>2. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.      Reason for Termination:				
<b>3. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.      Reason for Termination:				
<b>4. Name of Firm</b>	<b>Address of Firm</b>	<b>Contact Person</b>	<b>Telephone #</b> (   )   (   )	<b>Fax #</b> (   )   (   )
Name or Contract No.      Reason for Termination:				

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 5**  
**CERTIFICATION OF NO CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

The Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.180.010, provides as follows:

**CONTRACTS PROHIBITED**

Notwithstanding any other section of this Code, the County shall not contract with, and shall reject any proposals submitted by, the persons or entities specified below, unless the Board of Supervisors finds that special circumstances exist which justify the approval of such contract:

1. Employees of the County or of public agencies for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body;
2. Profit-making firms or businesses in which employees described in number 1 serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders;
3. Persons who, within the immediately preceding 12 months, came within the provisions of number 1, and who:
  - a. Were employed in positions of substantial responsibility in the area of service to be performed by the contract; or
  - b. Participated in any way in developing the contract or its service specifications; and
4. Profit-making firms or businesses in which the former employees, described in number 3, serve as officers, principals, partners, or major shareholders.

Contracts submitted to the Board of Supervisors for approval or ratification shall be accompanied by an assurance by the submitting department, district or agency that the provisions of this section have not been violated.

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Proposer Name

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Proposer Official Title

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Official's Signature

Cert. of No Conflict of Interest

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 6**  
**FAMILIARITY WITH THE COUNTY LOBBYIST ORDINANCE CERTIFICATION**

The Proposer certifies that:

- 1) it is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Lobbyist Ordinance, Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.160;
- 2) that all persons acting on behalf of the Proposer organization have and will comply with it during the proposal process; and
- 3) it is not on the County's Executive Office's List of Terminated Registered Lobbyists.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 7

Use this form for County Solicitations which are subject to the Federal Restriction

## Request for Local SBE Preference Program Consideration and CBE Firm/Organization Information Form

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All proposers/bidders responding to this solicitation must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal/bid.

### I. LOCAL SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM:

FIRM NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
COUNTY VENDOR NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

- ☐ As a Local SBE, certified by the County of Los Angeles, Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, I request this proposal/bid be considered for the Local SBE Preference.
- ☐ Attached is my Local SBE Certification letter issued by the County

### II. FIRM/ORGANIZATION INFORMATION: The information requested below is for statistical purposes only. On final analysis and consideration of award, contractor/vendor will be selected without regard to race/ethnicity, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, sexual orientation or disability.

Business Structure: <input type="checkbox"/> Sole Proprietorship <input type="checkbox"/> Partnership <input type="checkbox"/> Corporation <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Profit <input type="checkbox"/> Franchise <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Please Specify) _____						
Total Number of Employees (including owners): _____						
Race/Ethnic Composition of Firm. Please distribute the above total number of individuals into the following categories:						
Race/Ethnic Composition	Owners/Partners/ Associate Partners		Managers		Staff	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Black/African American						
Hispanic/Latino						
Asian or Pacific Islander						
American Indian						
Filipino						
White						

### III. PERCENTAGE OF OWNERSHIP IN FIRM: Please indicate by percentage (%) how ownership of the firm is distributed.

	Black/African American	Hispanic/Latino	Asian or Pacific Islander	American Indian	Filipino	White
Men	%	%	%	%	%	%
Women	%	%	%	%	%	%

### IV. CERTIFICATION AS MINORITY, WOMEN, DISADVANTAGED, AND DISABLED VETERAN BUSINESS ENTERPRISES: If your firm is currently certified as a minority, women, disadvantaged or disabled veteran owned business enterprise by a public agency, complete the following and attach a copy of your proof of certification. (Use back of form, if necessary.)

Agency Name	Minority	Women	Dis- advantaged	Disabled Veteran	Expiration Date

### V. DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.

Print Authorized Name	Authorized Signature	Title	Date



**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 8**  
**PROPOSER'S EEO CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

**GENERAL**

In accordance with provisions of the County Code of the County of Los Angeles, the Proposer certifies and agrees that all persons employed by such firm, its affiliates, subsidiaries, or holding companies are and will be treated equally by the firm without regard to or because of race, religion, ancestry, national origin, or sex and in compliance with all anti-discrimination laws of the United States of America and the State of California.

CERTIFICATION	YES	NO
1. Proposer has written policy statement prohibiting discrimination in all phases of employment.	(   )	(   )
2. Proposer periodically conducts a self-analysis or utilization analysis of its work force.	(   )	(   )
3. Proposer has a system for determining if its employment practices are discriminatory against protected groups.	(   )	(   )
4. When problem areas are identified in employment practices, Proposer has a system for taking reasonable corrective action to include establishment of goal and/or timetables.	(   )	(   )

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Signer (please print)

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 9**

**ATTESTATION OF WILLINGNESS TO CONSIDER  
GAIN/GROW PARTICIPANTS**

As a threshold requirement for consideration for contract award, Proposer shall demonstrate a proven record for hiring GAIN/GROW participants or shall attest to a willingness to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment opening if they meet the minimum qualifications for that opening. Additionally, Proposer shall attest to a willingness to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to the Proposer's employee mentoring program, if available, to assist these individuals in obtaining permanent employment and/or promotional opportunities.

To report all job openings with job requirements to obtain qualified GAIN/GROW participants as potential employment candidates, Contractor shall email: [GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov](mailto:GAINGROW@dpss.lacounty.gov).

**Proposers unable to meet this requirement shall not be considered for contract award.**

Proposer shall complete all of the following information, sign where indicated below, and return this form with their proposal.

A. Proposer has a proven record of hiring GAIN/GROW participants.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES (subject to verification by County) \_\_\_\_\_ NO

B. Proposer is willing to provide DPSS with all job openings and job requirements to consider GAIN/GROW participants for any future employment openings if the GAIN/GROW participant meets the minimum qualifications for the opening. "Consider" means that Proposer is willing to interview qualified GAIN/GROW participants.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO

C. Proposer is willing to provide employed GAIN/GROW participants access to its employee-mentoring program, if available.

\_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_ N/A (Program not available)

Proposer's Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No: \_\_\_\_\_

## REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 10

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CONTRACTOR EMPLOYEE JURY SERVICE PROGRAM CERTIFICATION FORM AND APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION

The County's solicitation for this Request for Proposals is subject to the County of Los Angeles Contractor Employee Jury Service Program (Program), Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203. All proposers, whether a contractor or subcontractor, must complete this form to either certify compliance or request an exception from the Program requirements. Upon review of the submitted form, the County department will determine, in its sole discretion, whether the proposer is excepted from the Program.

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:		
Solicitation For _____ Services:		

***If you believe the Jury Service Program does not apply to your business, check the appropriate box in Part I (attach documentation to support your claim); or, complete Part II to certify compliance with the Program. Whether you complete Part I or Part II, please sign and date this form below.***

#### **Part I: Jury Service Program is Not Applicable to My Business**

- ☐ My business does not meet the definition of "contractor," as defined in the Program, as it has not received an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more County contracts or subcontracts (this exception is not available if the contract itself will exceed \$50,000). I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if my revenues from the County exceed an aggregate sum of \$50,000 in any 12-month period.
- ☐ My business is a small business as defined in the Program. It 1) has ten or fewer employees; and, 2) has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of this contract, are \$500,000 or less; and, 3) is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation, as defined below. I understand that the exception will be lost and I must comply with the Program if the number of employees in my business and my gross annual revenues exceed the above limits.

**"Dominant in its field of operation"** means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months, which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

**"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation"** means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation.

- ☐ My business is subject to a Collective Bargaining Agreement (attach agreement) that expressly provides that it supersedes all provisions of the Program.

**OR**

#### **Part II: Certification of Compliance**

- ☐ My business has and adheres to a written policy that provides, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service for full-time employees of the business who are also California residents, or my company will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract.

***I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.***

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

## **REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 11**

### **PRICING SHEET**

**(Pricing Sheet will be unique for each solicitation.)**

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## REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 12

### CERTIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT PRICE DETERMINATION AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RFP RESTRICTIONS

- A. By submission of this Proposal, Proposer certifies that the prices quoted herein have been arrived at independently without consultation, communication, or agreement with any other Proposer or competitor for the purpose of restricting competition.
- B. List all names and telephone number of person legally authorized to commit the Proposer.

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

**NOTE:** Persons signing on behalf of the Contractor will be required to warrant that they are authorized to bind the Contractor.

- C. List names of all joint ventures, partners, subcontractors, or others having any right or interest in this contract or the proceeds thereof. If not applicable, state "NONE".

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- D. Proposer acknowledges that it has not participated as a consultant in the development, preparation, or selection process associated with this RFP. Proposer understands that if it is determined by the County that the Proposer did participate as a consultant in this RFP process, the County shall reject this proposal.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of Firm

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Signer

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 13**  
**CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS CERTIFICATION**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Company Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Internal Revenue Service Employer Identification Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
California Registry of Charitable Trusts "CT" number (if applicable)

The Nonprofit Integrity Act (SB 1262, Chapter 919) added requirements to California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act which regulates those receiving and raising charitable contributions.

**Check the Certification below that is applicable to your company.**

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor has examined its activities and determined that it does not now receive or raise charitable contributions regulated under California's Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act. If Proposer engages in activities subjecting it to those laws during the term of a County contract, it will timely comply with them and provide County a copy of its initial registration with the California State Attorney General's Registry of Charitable Trusts when filed.

**OR**

- ☐ Proposer or Contractor is registered with the California Registry of Charitable Trusts under the CT number listed above and is in compliance with its registration and reporting requirements under California law. Attached is a copy of its most recent filing with the Registry of Charitable Trusts as required by Title 11 California Code of Regulations, sections 300-301 and Government Code sections 12585-12586.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name and Title of Signer (please print)

**REQUIRED FORMS - EXHIBIT 14**  
**TRANSITIONAL JOB OPPORTUNITIES PREFERENCE APPLICATION**

COMPANY NAME:		
COMPANY ADDRESS:		
CITY:	STATE:	ZIP CODE:

**I hereby certify that I meet all the requirements for this program:**

- ☐ My business is a non-profit corporation qualified under Internal Revenue Services Code - Section 501(c)(3) and has been such for 3 years (*attach IRS Determination Letter*);
- ☐ I have submitted my three most recent annual tax returns with my application;
- ☐ I have been in operation for at least one year providing transitional job and related supportive services to program participants; and
- ☐ I have submitted a profile of our program; including a description of its components designed to help the program participants, number of past program participants and any other information requested by the contracting department.

**I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information herein is true and correct.**

PRINT NAME:	TITLE:
SIGNATURE:	DATE:

**REVIEWED BY COUNTY:**

<b>SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>DISAPPROVED</b>	<b>DATE</b>

## REQUIRED FORMS EXHIBIT 15

### CERTIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH THE COUNTY'S DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION PROGRAM

Company Name:		
Company Address:		
City:	State:	Zip Code:
Telephone Number:	Email address:	
Solicitation/Contract For _____ Services:		

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor certifies that:

- ☐ It is familiar with the terms of the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code Chapter 2.206; **AND**

To the best of its knowledge, after a reasonable inquiry, the Proposer/Bidder/Contractor is not in default, as that term is defined in Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.020.E, on any Los Angeles County property tax obligation; **AND**

The Proposer/Bidder/Contractor agrees to comply with the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program during the term of any awarded contract.

**- OR -**

- ☐ I am exempt from the County of Los Angeles Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, pursuant to Los Angeles County Code Section 2.206.060, for the following reason:

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*I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the information stated above is true and correct.*

Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## REQUIRED FORMS EXHIBIT 16

### REQUEST FOR DISABLED VETERANS BUSINESS ENTERPRISE PREFERENCE PROGRAM CONSIDERATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** All proposers/bidders responding to this solicitation must complete and return this form for proper consideration of the proposal/bid.

In evaluating bids/proposals, the County will give preference to businesses that are certified by the State of California as a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise (DVBE) or by the Department of Veterans as a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business (SDVOSB) consistent with Chapter 2.211 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Vendor understands that in no instance shall the disabled veteran business enterprise preference program price or scoring preference be combined with any other County preference program to exceed eight percent (8%) in response to any County solicitation.

Information about the State's Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certification regulations is in the California Code of Regulations, Title 2, Subchapter 8, Section 1896 et seq., and is also available on the California Department of General Services Office of Disabled Veteran Business Certification and Resources Website at <http://www.pd.dgs.ca.gov/>

Information on the Veteran Affairs Disabled Business Enterprise certification regulations may be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, 38CFR 74 and is also available on the Veterans Affairs Website at: <http://www.vetbiz.gov/>

- ☐ **I AM NOT** a Disabled Veteran Business Enterprise certified by the State of California or a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with the Department of Veteran Affairs.
- ☐ **I AM** certified as a Disabled Veteran Enterprise with the State of California or a Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business with the Department of Veteran Affairs as of the date of this proposal/bid submission and I request this proposal be considered for the DVBE Preference.

**DECLARATION: I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA THAT THE ABOVE INFORMATION IS TRUE AND ACCURATE.**

Name of Firm	County Webven No.
Print Name:	Title:
Signature:	Date:

<b>SIGNATURE OF REVIEWER</b>	<b>APPROVED</b>	<b>DISAPPROVED</b>	<b>DATE</b>

## **APPENDIX D**

### **TRANSMITTAL TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW**

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) TRANSMITTAL TO REQUEST A SOLICITATION REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

A Solicitation Requirements Review must be received by the County  
within 10 business days of issuance of the solicitation document

Proposer Name:	Date of Request:
Project Title:	Project No.

A **Solicitation Requirements Review** is being requested because the Proposer asserts that they are being unfairly disadvantaged for the following reason(s): *(check all that apply)*

- ☐ Application of **Minimum Requirements**
- ☐ Application of **Evaluation Criteria**
- ☐ Application of **Business Requirements**
- ☐ Due to **unclear instructions**, the process may result in the County not receiving the best possible responses

I understand that this request must be received by the County within **10 business days** of issuance of the solicitation document.

For each area contested, Proposer must explain in detail the factual reasons for the requested review.  
*(Attach additional pages and supporting documentation as necessary.)*

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Request submitted by:

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Name)*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Title)*

### For County use only

Date Transmittal Received by County: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Solicitation Released: \_\_\_\_\_

Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_

Results of Review - Comments:

Date Response sent to Proposer: \_\_\_\_\_

## **APPENDIX E**

# **COUNTY POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS**

## **COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES POLICY ON DOING BUSINESS WITH SMALL BUSINESS**

Forty-two percent of businesses in Los Angeles County have five or fewer employees. Only about four percent of businesses in the area exceed 100 employees. According to the Los Angeles Times and local economists, it is not large corporations, but these small companies that are generating new jobs and helping move Los Angeles County out of its worst recession in decades.

### **WE RECOGNIZE. . . .**

#### **The importance of small business to the County. . .**

- in fueling local economic growth
- providing new jobs
- creating new local tax revenues
- offering new entrepreneurial opportunity to those historically under-represented in business

#### **The County can play a positive role in helping small business grow. . .**

- as a multi-billion dollar purchaser of goods and services
- as a broker of intergovernmental cooperation among numerous local jurisdictions
- by greater outreach in providing information and training
- by simplifying the bid/proposal process
- by maintaining selection criteria which are fair to all
- by streamlining the payment process

### **WE THEREFORE SHALL:**

1. Constantly seek to streamline and simplify our processes for selecting our vendors and for conducting business with them.
2. Maintain a strong outreach program, fully-coordinated among our departments and districts, as well as other participating governments to: a) inform and assist the local business community in competing to provide goods and services; b) provide for ongoing dialogue with and involvement by the business community in implementing this policy.
3. Continually review and revise how we package and advertise solicitations, evaluate and select prospective vendors, address subcontracting and conduct business with our vendors, in order to: a) expand opportunity for small business to compete for our business; and b) to further opportunities for all businesses to compete regardless of size.
4. Insure that staff who manage and carry out the business of purchasing goods and services are well trained, capable and highly motivated to carry out the letter and spirit of this policy.

**APPENDIX F**

**JURY SERVICE ORDINANCE**

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**2.203.010 Findings.**

The board of supervisors makes the following findings. The county of Los Angeles allows its permanent, full-time employees unlimited jury service at their regular pay. Unfortunately, many businesses do not offer or are reducing or even eliminating compensation to employees who serve on juries. This creates a potential financial hardship for employees who do not receive their pay when called to jury service, and those employees often seek to be excused from having to serve. Although changes in the court rules make it more difficult to excuse a potential juror on grounds of financial hardship, potential jurors continue to be excused on this basis, especially from longer trials. This reduces the number of potential jurors and increases the burden on those employers, such as the county of Los Angeles, who pay their permanent, full-time employees while on juror duty. For these reasons, the county of Los Angeles has determined that it is appropriate to require that the businesses with which the county contracts possess reasonable jury service policies. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.020 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" means a person, partnership, corporation or other entity which has a contract with the county or a subcontract with a county contractor and has received or will receive an aggregate sum of \$50,000 or more in any 12-month period under one or more such contracts or subcontracts.
- B. "Employee" means any California resident who is a full-time employee of a contractor under the laws of California.
- C. "Contract" means any agreement to provide goods to, or perform services for or on behalf of, the county but does not include:
  - 1. A contract where the board finds that special circumstances exist that justify a waiver of the requirements of this chapter; or
  - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor; or
  - 3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract; or
  - 4. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, or reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-3700 or a successor provision; or
  - 5. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, Section 4.4.0 or a successor provision; or
  - 6. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section P-2810 or a successor provision; or
  - 7. A non-agreement purchase with a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
  - 8. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, Section PP-1100 or a successor provision.

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- D. "Full time" means 40 hours or more worked per week, or a lesser number of hours if:
1. The lesser number is a recognized industry standard as determined by the chief administrative officer, or
  2. The contractor has a long-standing practice that defines the lesser number of hours as full time.
- E. "County" means the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the board of supervisors is the governing body. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 1, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.030 Applicability.**

This chapter shall apply to contractors who enter into contracts that commence after July 11, 2002. This chapter shall also apply to contractors with existing contracts which are extended into option years that commence after July 11, 2002. Contracts that commence after May 28, 2002, but before July 11, 2002, shall be subject to the provisions of this chapter only if the solicitations for such contracts stated that the chapter would be applicable. (Ord. 2002-0040 § 2, 2002: Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.040 Contractor Jury Service Policy.**

A contractor shall have and adhere to a written policy that provides that its employees shall receive from the contractor, on an annual basis, no less than five days of regular pay for actual jury service. The policy may provide that employees deposit any fees received for such jury service with the contractor or that the contractor deduct from the employees' regular pay the fees received for jury service. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.050 Other Provisions.**

- A. Administration. The chief administrative officer shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The chief administrative officer may, with the advice of county counsel, issue interpretations of the provisions of this chapter and shall issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other county departments.
- B. Compliance Certification. At the time of seeking a contract, a contractor shall certify to the county that it has and adheres to a policy consistent with this chapter or will have and adhere to such a policy prior to award of the contract. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.060 Enforcement and Remedies.**

For a contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the county department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:

1. Recommend to the board of supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,
2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)



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**2.203.070. Exceptions.**

- A. Other Laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any contractor or to any employee in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California.
- B. Collective Bargaining Agreements. This chapter shall be superseded by a collective bargaining agreement that expressly so provides.
- C. Small Business. This chapter shall not be applied to any contractor that meets all of the following:
  - 1. Has ten or fewer employees during the contract period; and,
  - 2. Has annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, are less than \$500,000; and,
  - 3. Is not an affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation.

"Dominant in its field of operation" means having more than ten employees and annual gross revenues in the preceding twelve months which, if added to the annual amount of the contract awarded, exceed \$500,000.

"Affiliate or subsidiary of a business dominant in its field of operation" means a business which is at least 20 percent owned by a business dominant in its field of operation, or by partners, officers, directors, majority stockholders, or their equivalent, of a business dominant in that field of operation. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

**2.203.090. Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. 2002-0015 § 1 (part), 2002)

## **APPENDIX G**

### **LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

## LISTING OF CONTRACTORS DEBARRED IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

List of Debarred Contractors in Los Angeles County may be obtained by going to the following website.

<http://doingbusiness.lacounty.gov/DebarmentList.htm>

## **APPENDIX H**

### **IRS NOTICE 1015**

## IRS NOTICE 1015

Latest version is available from IRS website at  
<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/n1015.pdf>



Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

## Notice 1015

(Rev. December 2013)

### Have You Told Your Employees About the Earned Income Credit (EIC)?

#### What is the EIC?

The EIC is a refundable tax credit for certain workers.

#### Which Employees Must I Notify About the EIC?

You must notify each employee who worked for you at any time during the year and from whom you did not withhold income tax. However, you do not have to notify any employee who claimed exemption from withholding on Form W-4, Employee's Withholding Allowance Certificate.

**Note.** You are encouraged to notify each employee whose wages for 2013 are less than \$51,567 that he or she may be eligible for the EIC.

#### How and When Must I Notify My Employees?

You must give the employee one of the following:

- The IRS Form W-2, Wage and Tax Statement, which has the required information about the EIC on the back of Copy B.
- A substitute Form W-2 with the same EIC information on the back of the employee's copy that is on Copy B of the IRS Form W-2.
- Notice 797, Possible Federal Tax Refund Due to the Earned Income Credit (EIC).
- Your written statement with the same wording as Notice 797.

If you are required to give Form W-2 and do so on time, no further notice is necessary if the Form W-2 has the required information about the EIC on the back of the employee's copy. If a substitute Form W-2 is given on time but does not have the required information, you must

notify the employee within 1 week of the date the substitute Form W-2 is given. If Form W-2 is required but is not given on time, you must give the employee Notice 797 or your written statement by the date Form W-2 is required to be given. If Form W-2 is not required, you must notify the employee by February 7, 2014.

You must hand the notice directly to the employee or send it by first-class mail to the employee's last known address. You will not meet the notification requirements by posting Notice 797 on an employee bulletin board or sending it through office mail. However, you may want to post the notice to help inform all employees of the EIC. You can get copies of the notice from IRS.gov or by calling 1-800-829-3676.

#### How Will My Employees Know If They Can Claim the EIC?

The basic requirements are covered in Notice 797. For more detailed information, the employee needs to see Pub. 596, Earned Income Credit (EIC), or the instructions for Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ.

#### How Do My Employees Claim the EIC?

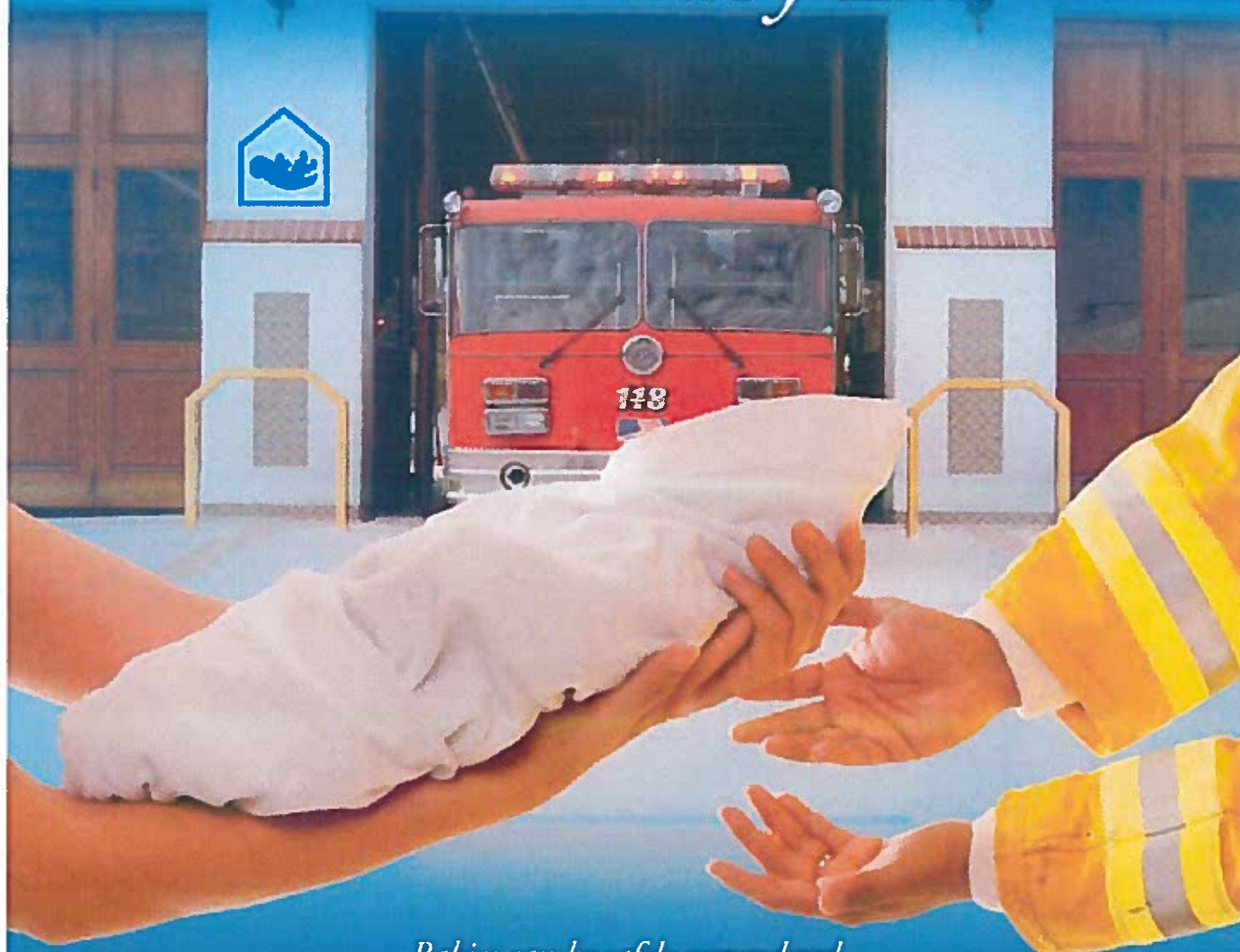
Eligible employees claim the EIC on their 2013 tax return. Even employees who have no tax withheld from their pay or owe no tax can claim the EIC and get a refund, but they must file a tax return to do so. For example, if an employee has no tax withheld in 2013 and owes no tax but is eligible for a credit of \$800, he or she must file a 2013 tax return to get the \$800 refund.

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**APPENDIX I**

**SAFELY SURRENDERED BABY LAW**

# *Safely* Surrendered *Baby Law*



*Babies can be safely surrendered  
to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County*

No shame. No blame. No names.

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# Safely Surrendered Baby Law

## What is the Safely Surrendered Baby Law?

California's Safely Surrendered Baby Law allows parents or other persons, with lawful custody, which means anyone to whom the parent has given permission to confidentially surrender a baby. As long as the baby is three days (72 hours) of age or younger and has not been abused or neglected, the baby may be surrendered without fear of arrest or prosecution.

*Every baby deserves a chance for a healthy life. If someone you know is considering abandoning a baby, let her know there are other options. For three days (72 hours) after birth, a baby can be surrendered to staff at any hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County.*

## How does it work?

A distressed parent who is unable or unwilling to care for a baby can legally, confidentially, and safely surrender a baby within three days (72 hours) of birth. The baby must be handed to an employee at a hospital or fire station in Los Angeles County. As long as the baby shows no sign of abuse or neglect, no name or other information is required. In case the parent changes his or her mind at a later date and wants the baby back, staff will use bracelets to help connect them to each other. One bracelet will be placed on the baby, and a matching bracelet will be given to the parent or other surrendering adult.

## What if a parent wants the baby back?

Parents who change their minds can begin the process of reclaiming their baby within 14 days. These parents should call the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services at 1-800-540-4000.

## Can only a parent bring in the baby?

No. While in most cases a parent will bring in the baby, the Law allows other people to bring in the baby if they have lawful custody.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to call before bringing in the baby?

No. A parent or surrendering adult can bring in a baby anytime, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, as long as the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to someone who works at the hospital or fire station.

## Does the parent or surrendering adult have to tell anything to the people taking the baby?

No. However, hospital or fire station personnel will ask the surrendering party to fill out a questionnaire designed to gather important medical history information, which is very useful in caring for the baby. The questionnaire includes a stamped return envelope and can be sent in at a later time.

## What happens to the baby?

The baby will be examined and given medical treatment. Upon release from the hospital, social workers immediately place the baby in a safe and loving home and begin the adoption process.

## What happens to the parent or surrendering adult?

Once the parent or surrendering adult surrenders the baby to hospital or fire station personnel, they may leave at any time.

## Why is California doing this?

The purpose of the Safely Surrendered Baby Law is to protect babies from being abandoned, hurt or killed by their parents. You may have heard tragic stories of babies left in dumpsters or public bathrooms. Their parents may have been under severe emotional distress. The mothers may have hidden their pregnancies, fearful of what would happen if their families found out. Because they were afraid and had no one or nowhere to turn for help, they abandoned their babies. Abandoning a baby is illegal and places the baby in extreme danger. Too often, it results in the baby's death. The Safely Surrendered Baby Law prevents this tragedy from ever happening again in California.

## A baby's story

Early in the morning on April 9, 2005, a healthy baby boy was safely surrendered to nurses at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. The woman who brought the baby to the hospital identified herself as the baby's aunt and stated the baby's mother had asked her to bring the baby to the hospital on her behalf. The aunt was given a bracelet with a number matching the anklet placed on the baby; this would provide some identification in the event the mother changed her mind about surrendering the baby and wished to reclaim the baby in the 14-day period allowed by the Law. The aunt was also provided with a medical questionnaire and said she would have the mother complete and mail back in the stamped return envelope provided. The baby was examined by medical staff and pronounced healthy and full-term. He was placed with a loving family that had been approved to adopt him by the Department of Children and Family Services.





# *Ley de* Entrega de Bebés *Sin Peligro*



*Los recién nacidos pueden ser entregados en forma segura al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Ángeles*

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# Ley de Entrega de Bebés Sin Peligro

## ¿Qué es la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro?

La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro de California permite la entrega confidencial de un recién nacido por parte de sus padres u otras personas con custodia legal, es decir cualquier persona a quien los padres le hayan dado permiso. Siempre que el bebé tenga tres días (72 horas) de vida o menos, y no haya sufrido abuso ni negligencia, pueden entregar al recién nacido sin temor de ser arrestados o procesados.

*Cada recién nacido se merece la oportunidad de tener una vida saludable. Si alguien que usted conoce está pensando en abandonar a un recién nacido, infórmele que tiene otras opciones. Hasta tres días (72 horas) después del nacimiento, se puede entregar un recién nacido al personal de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del condado de Los Angeles.*

## ¿Cómo funciona?

El padre/madre con dificultades que no pueda o no quiera cuidar de su recién nacido puede entregarlo en forma legal, confidencial y segura dentro de los tres días (72 horas) del nacimiento. El bebé debe ser entregado a un empleado de cualquier hospital o cuartel de bomberos del Condado de Los Angeles. Siempre que el bebé no presente signos de abuso o negligencia, no será necesario suministrar nombres ni información alguna. Si el padre/madre cambia de opinión posteriormente y desea recuperar a su bebé, los trabajadores utilizarán brazaletes para poder vincularlos. El bebé llevará un brazalete y el padre/madre o el adulto que lo entregue recibirá un brazalete igual.

## ¿Qué pasa si el padre/madre desea recuperar a su bebé?

Los padres que cambien de opinión pueden comenzar el proceso de reclamar a su recién nacido dentro de los 14 días. Estos padres deberán llamar al Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias (Department of Children and Family Services) del Condado de Los Angeles al 1-800-540-4000.

## ¿Sólo los padres podrán llevar al recién nacido?

No. Si bien en la mayoría de los casos son los padres los que llevan al bebé, la ley permite que otras personas lo hagan si tienen custodia legal.

## ¿Los padres o el adulto que entrega al bebé deben llamar antes de llevar al bebé?

No. El padre/madre o adulto puede llevar al bebé en cualquier momento, las 24 horas del día, los 7 días de la semana, siempre y cuando entreguen a su bebé a un empleado del hospital o cuartel de bomberos.

## ¿Es necesario que el padre/madre o adulto diga algo a las personas que reciben al bebé?

No. Sin embargo, el personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos le pedirá a la persona que entregue al bebé que llene un cuestionario con la finalidad de recabar antecedentes médicos importantes, que resultan de gran utilidad para cuidar bien del bebé. El cuestionario incluye un sobre con el sello postal pagado para enviarlo en otro momento.

## ¿Qué pasará con el bebé?

El bebé será examinado y le brindarán atención médica. Cuando le den el alta del hospital, los trabajadores sociales inmediatamente ubicarán al bebé en un hogar seguro donde estará bien atendido, y se comenzará el proceso de adopción.

## ¿Qué pasará con el padre/madre o adulto que entregue al bebé?

Una vez que los padres o adulto hayan entregado al bebé al personal del hospital o cuartel de bomberos, pueden irse en cualquier momento.

## ¿Por qué se está haciendo esto en California?

La finalidad de la Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro es proteger a los bebés para que no sean abandonados, lastimados o muertos por sus padres. Usted probablemente haya escuchado historias trágicas sobre bebés abandonados en basureros o en baños públicos. Los padres de esos bebés probablemente hayan estado pasando por dificultades emocionales graves. Las madres pueden haber ocultado su embarazo, por temor a lo que pasaría si sus familias se enteraran. Abandonaron a sus bebés porque tenían miedo y no tenían nadie a quien pedir ayuda. El abandono de un recién nacido es ilegal y pone al bebé en una situación de peligro extremo. Muy a menudo el abandono provoca la muerte del bebé. La Ley de Entrega de Bebés sin Peligro impide que vuelva a suceder esta tragedia en California.

## Historia de un bebé

A la mañana temprano del día 9 de abril de 2005, se entregó un recién nacido saludable a las enfermeras del Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. La mujer que llevó el recién nacido al hospital se dio a conocer como la tía del bebé, y dijo que la madre le había pedido que llevara al bebé al hospital en su nombre. Le entregaron a la tía un brazalete con un número que coincidía con la pulsera del bebé; esto serviría como identificación en caso de que la madre cambiara de opinión con respecto a la entrega del bebé y decidiera recuperarlo dentro del período de 14 días que permite esta ley. También le dieron a la tía un cuestionario médico, y ella dijo que la madre lo llenaría y lo enviaría de vuelta dentro del sobre con franqueo pagado que le habían dado. El personal médico examinó al bebé y se determinó que estaba saludable y a término. El bebé fue ubicado con una buena familia que ya había sido aprobada para adoptarlo por el Departamento de Servicios para Niños y Familias.



## **APPENDIX J**

### **BACKGROUND AND RESOURCES: CALIFORNIA CHARITIES REGULATION**



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There is a keen public interest in preventing misuse of charitable contributions. California's "Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act" regulates those raising and receiving charitable contributions. The "Nonprofit Integrity Act of 2004" (SB 1262, Chapter 919) tightened Charitable Purposes Act requirements for charitable organization administration and fundraising.

The Charitable Purposes Act rules cover California public benefit corporations, unincorporated associations, and trustee entities. They may include similar foreign corporations doing business or holding property in California. Generally, an organization is subject to the registration and reporting requirements of the Charitable Purposes Act if it is a California nonprofit public benefit corporation or is tax exempt under Internal Revenue Code § 501(c)(3), and not exempt from reporting under Government Code § 12583. Most educational institutions, hospitals, cemeteries, and religious organizations are exempt from Supervision of Trustees Act requirements.

Key new Charitable Purposes Act requirements affect executive compensation, fund-raising practices and documentation. Charities with over \$2 million of revenues (excluding grants and service-contract funds a governmental entity requires to be accounted for) have new audit requirements. Charities required to have audits must also establish an audit committee whose members have no material financial interest in any entity doing business with the charity.

Organizations or persons that receive or raise charitable contributions are likely to be subject to the Charitable Purposes Act. A Proposer on Los Angeles County contracts must determine if it is subject to the Charitable Purposes Act and certify either that:

- It is not presently subject to the Act, but will comply if later activities make it subject, or,
- If subject, it is currently in compliance.

### **RESOURCES**

The following references to resources are offered to assist Proposers who engage in charitable contributions activities. Each Proposer, however, is ultimately responsible to research and determine its own legal obligations and properly complete its compliance certification (Exhibit 20).

In California, supervision of charities is the responsibility of the Attorney General, whose website, <http://oag.ca.gov/> contains much information helpful to regulated charitable organizations.

#### **1. LAWS AFFECTING NONPROFITS**

The "Supervision of Trustees and Fundraisers for Charitable Purposes Act" is found at California Government Code §§ 12580 through 12599.7. Implementing regulations are found at Title 11, California Code of Regulations, §§ 300 through 312. In California, charitable solicitations ("advertising") are governed by Business & Professions Code §§ 17510 through 17510.95. Regulation of nonprofit corporations is found at Title 11, California Code of Regulations, §§ 999.1 through 999.5. (Amended regulations are pending.) Links to all of these rules are at: <http://oag.ca.gov/charities/laws>

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### **2. SUPPORT FOR NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**

Several organizations offer both complimentary and fee-based assistance to nonprofits, including in Los Angeles, the *Center for Nonprofit Management*, 606 S. Olive St #2450, Los Angeles, CA 90014 (213) 623-7080 <http://www.cnmsocal.org/>, and statewide, the *California Association of Nonprofits*, <http://www.calnonprofits.org/>. Both organizations' websites offer information about how to establish and manage a charitable organization.

**The above information, including the organizations listed, provided under this sub-section of this Appendix N is for informational purposes only. Nothing contained in this sub-section shall be construed as an endorsement by the County of Los Angeles of such organizations.**

**APPENDIX K**

**DEFAULTED PROPERTY TAX REDUCTION  
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**2.206.010 Findings and declarations.**

The Board of Supervisors finds that significant revenues are lost each year as a result of taxpayers who fail to pay their tax obligations on time. The delinquencies impose an economic burden upon the County and its taxpayers. Therefore, the Board of Supervisors establishes the goal of ensuring that individuals and businesses that benefit financially from contracts with the County fulfill their property tax obligation. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

**2.206.020 Definitions.**

The following definitions shall be applicable to this chapter:

- A. "Contractor" shall mean any person, firm, corporation, partnership, or combination thereof, which submits a bid or proposal or enters into a contract or agreement with the County.
- B. "County" shall mean the county of Los Angeles or any public entities for which the Board of Supervisors is the governing body.
- C. "County Property Taxes" shall mean any property tax obligation on the County's secured or unsecured roll; except for tax obligations on the secured roll with respect to property held by a Contractor in a trust or fiduciary capacity or otherwise not beneficially owned by the Contractor.
- D. "Department" shall mean the County department, entity, or organization responsible for the solicitation and/or administration of the contract.
- E. "Default" shall mean any property tax obligation on the secured roll that has been deemed defaulted by operation of law pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3436; or any property tax obligation on the unsecured roll that remains unpaid on the applicable delinquency date pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 2922; except for any property tax obligation dispute pending before the Assessment Appeals Board.
- F. "Solicitation" shall mean the County's process to obtain bids or proposals for goods and services.
- G. "Treasurer-Tax Collector" shall mean the Treasurer and Tax Collector of the County of Los Angeles. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

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**2.206.030 Applicability.**

This chapter shall apply to all solicitations issued 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. This chapter shall also apply to all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts entered into 60 days after the effective date of the ordinance codified in this chapter. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

**2.206.040 Required solicitation and contract language.**

All solicitations and all new, renewed, extended, and/or amended contracts shall contain language which:

- A. Requires any Contractor to keep County Property Taxes out of Default status at all times during the term of an awarded contract;
- B. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may prevent the Contractor from being awarded a new contract; and
- C. Provides that the failure of the Contractor to comply with the provisions in this chapter may constitute a material breach of an existing contract, and failure to cure the breach within 10 days of notice by the County by paying the outstanding County Property Tax or making payments in a manner agreed to and approved by the Treasurer-Tax Collector, may subject the contract to suspension and/or termination. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

**2.206.050 Administration and compliance certification.**

- A. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter. The Treasurer-Tax Collector shall, with the assistance of the Chief Executive Officer, Director of Internal Services, and County Counsel, issue written instructions on the implementation and ongoing administration of this chapter. Such instructions may provide for the delegation of functions to other departments.
- B. Contractor shall be required to certify, at the time of submitting any bid or proposal to the County, or entering into any new contract, or renewal, extension or amendment of an existing contract with the County, that it is in compliance with this chapter is not in Default on any County Property Taxes or is current in payments due under any approved payment arrangement. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

**2.206.060 Exclusions/Exemptions.**

- A. This chapter shall not apply to the following contracts:
  - 1. Chief Executive Office delegated authority agreements under \$50,000;
  - 2. A contract where federal or state law or a condition of a federal or state program mandates the use of a particular contractor;



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3. A purchase made through a state or federal contract;
  4. A contract where state or federal monies are used to fund service related programs, including but not limited to voucher programs, foster care, or other social programs that provide immediate direct assistance;
  5. Purchase orders under a master agreement, where the Contractor was certified at the time the master agreement was entered into and at any subsequent renewal, extension and/or amendment to the master agreement.
  6. Purchase orders issued by Internal Services Department under \$100,000 that is not the result of a competitive bidding process.
  7. Program agreements that utilize Board of Supervisors' discretionary funds;
  8. National contracts established for the purchase of equipment and supplies for and by the National Association of Counties, U.S. Communities Government Purchasing Alliance, or any similar related group purchasing organization;
  9. A monopoly purchase that is exclusive and proprietary to a specific manufacturer, distributor, reseller, and must match and inter-member with existing supplies, equipment or systems maintained by the county pursuant to the Los Angeles Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-3700 or a successor provision;
  10. A revolving fund (petty cash) purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Fiscal Manual, section 4.6.0 or a successor provision;
  11. A purchase card purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section P-2810 or a successor provision;
  12. A non-agreement purchase worth a value of less than \$5,000 pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual, section A-0300 or a successor provision; or
  13. A bona fide emergency purchase pursuant to the Los Angeles County Purchasing Policy and Procedures Manual section P-0900 or a successor provision;
  14. Other contracts for mission critical goods and/or services where the Board of Supervisors determines that an exemption is justified.
- B. Other laws. This chapter shall not be interpreted or applied to any Contractor in a manner inconsistent with the laws of the United States or California. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)

**2.206.070 Enforcement and remedies.**

- A. The information furnished by each Contractor certifying that it is in compliance with this chapter shall be under penalty of perjury.

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- B. No Contractor shall willfully and knowingly make a false statement certifying compliance with this chapter for the purpose of obtaining or retaining a County contract.**
- C. For Contractor's violation of any provision of this chapter, the County department head responsible for administering the contract may do one or more of the following:**
  - 1. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors the termination of the contract; and/or,**
  - 2. Pursuant to chapter 2.202, seek the debarment of the contractor; and/or,**
  - 3. Recommend to the Board of Supervisors that an exemption is justified pursuant to Section 2.206.060.A.14 of this chapter or payment deferral as provided pursuant to the California Revenue and Taxation Code. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)**

**2.206.080 Severability.**

If any provision of this chapter is found invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect. (Ord. No. 2009-0026 § 1 (part), 2009.)